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1                   [THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DID NOT MEET IN  
2                   CLOSED SESSION TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008.]

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6   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE MEETING WILL PLEASE COME TO ORDER. THE  
7   INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE BY PASTOR ROBERT SMITH OF  
8   FAITH UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH FROM THE SECOND  
9   DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE WILL BE BY LESTER WONG, MEMBER OF POST  
10  NO. 276, EAGLE ROCK, THE AMERICAN LEGION IN THE FIRST  
11  DISTRICT.

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13  **ROBERT SMITH:** THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME. LET US PRAY. ETERNAL  
14  SPIRIT, SO HIGH ABOVE US THAT YOU ARE A MYSTERY. AND YET SO  
15  DEEP WITHIN US THAT WE CANNOT ESCAPE YOU. WE PAUSE AT THIS  
16  TIME TO SAY THANKS FOR ALL GRACES OF LIFE THAT YOU HAVE  
17  DIRECTED TOWARDS US AND TO ASK YOUR BLESSINGS UPON THIS  
18  SESSION AND THESE MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THIS  
19  CONGREGATION. WE THANK YOU THAT THE IMPULSES OF YOUR LIFE ARE  
20  STILL DIRECTED TOWARD HUMAN KIND, REMINDING US THAT  
21  HUMANKIND'S CAUSE IS NO LOST SOULS, THAT WE LIVE IN A UNIVERSE  
22  AND A WORLD THAT HAS MORAL MEANING AT ITS CENTER, WHERE  
23  SPIRITUAL VALUES OF TRUTH, BEAUTY, GOODNESS, LOVE, HONESTY,  
24  AND INTEGRITY REIGN SUPREME. THAT IN THIS UNIVERSE AND THIS  
25  WORLD YOU HAVE MADE HUMAN PERSONALITY AS THE HIGHEST INTRINSIC



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1 VALUE THAT WE HAVE, THAT EACH PERSON IS ENDOWED WITH INTRINSIC  
2 WORTH, DIGNITY, SACREDNESS, AND ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES. AND OUR  
3 LIVES HAVE BEEN TAKEN HOLD OF BY A VOCATIONAL SENSE, CALLING  
4 US TO BE A PART OF YOUR ENTERPRISE IN THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.  
5 SO AS YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE ESSENCE OF GOOD AND TO TRANSFORM  
6 THIS WORLD SO AS TO MAKE IT THE KIND OF PLACE FIT TO LIVE IN,  
7 FIT TO GROW IN, FIT TO DEVELOP IN, TO BE ENABLED TO REACH OUR  
8 HIGHEST POTENTIAL AS HUMAN BEINGS. AND FINALLY, TO WORK  
9 TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY SO AS TO MAKE FOR A WORLD OF PEACE, TO  
10 DEVELOP A FRIENDLY PEOPLE IN A FRIENDLY WORLD, LIVING BENEATH  
11 A FRIENDLY SKY. THIS IS OUR PRAYER AS WE INVOKE YOUR BLESSINGS  
12 UPON THIS ASSEMBLY OF THESE LEADERS, OF YOUR PEOPLE IN THIS  
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND INDEED IN THE WORLD. AMEN.

14

15 **LESTER WONG:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND  
16 SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE SO PLEASED TO HAVE PASTOR ROBERT  
19 SMITH WITH US TODAY. AND HE IS FROM THE FAITH UNITED METHODIST  
20 CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES. HE COMPLETED HIS UNDERGRADUATE WORK IN  
21 SECONDARY EDUCATION AT TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE IN ALABAMA, RECEIVED  
22 HIS MASTERS OF DIVINITY DEGREE FROM THE BOSTON UNIVERSITY  
23 SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, WHERE HE WAS GRANTED THE DISTINGUISHED  
24 ALUMNI AWARD. PASTOR SMITH HAS SERVED AS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF  
25 THE LOS ANGELES AND SAN DIEGO DISTRICT FOR THE COUNCIL OF





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1 MINISTRIES, AND HIS LOCAL PASTORATES ALSO INCLUDE PARISHES IN  
2 NEW YORK, INDIANAPOLIS AND INDIANA. HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS  
3 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION. HE IS MARRIED, HAS THREE CHILDREN AND  
4 10 GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU SO MUCH, REVEREND SMITH, FOR  
5 JOINING US TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MISS BURKE. IT IS MY HONOR THIS  
8 MORNING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF  
9 APPRECIATION TO MR. LESTER WONG, WHO LED US THIS MORNING IN  
10 OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. MR. WONG IS WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION  
11 POST AT 276 IN EAGLE ROCK. HE SERVED AS A CORPORAL IN THE  
12 EIGHTH INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1971  
13 TO 1973. HIS DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE  
14 MEDAL AND THE MEDAL OF GOOD CONDUCT. MR. WONG IS MARRIED, HE  
15 HAS FOUR CHILDREN AND HE RESIDES IN MONTEREY PARK. WE THANK  
16 HIM FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO OUR NATION. HE WAS  
17 PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO BE TODAY, HE COULDN'T BE HERE THE LAST  
18 TIME. SO I'M GLAD HE COULD MAKE THE EFFORT. (APPLAUSE).

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
21 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, BOARD OF  
22 SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8. ON ITEM NUMBER 1, THERE IS A  
23 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THE APPOINTMENT OF  
24 BERNARD SIEGEL TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
25 DISABILITY. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER



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1 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM NUMBER 6, THIS  
2 INCLUDES A REVISION AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE  
3 REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH;  
6 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 7, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 9  
9 THROUGH 58. ON ITEM NUMBER 15, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS  
10 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 24, THE CHIEF  
11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE  
12 4TH, 2008.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, TO BE CONTINUED.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 30, THE TERM OF THE  
17 AGREEMENT SHOULD READ EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2008 THROUGH JUNE  
18 30TH 2013. ON ITEM NUMBER 38 AND ON ITEM NUMBER 39, THERE'S A  
19 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON  
20 ITEM NUMBER 44, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
21 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 48, SUPERVISOR KNABE  
22 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 52, THERE'S A  
23 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM  
24 NUMBER 54, AS POSTED ON THE AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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1 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 10TH,  
2 2008. 54.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEMS 55 AND 56, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND  
7 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED  
8 TO WEDNESDAY JUNE 4TH, 2008.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT  
13 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
16 ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 24, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION,  
19 ITEMS 59 AND 60 AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLES IN FOR THE  
20 RECORD. ON ITEM 59, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6,  
21 SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE NEW  
22 MANAGEMENT PHYSICIAN PAY PLAN.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA;  
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.





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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I APOLOGIZE, MADAME CHAIR. ON ITEM 59. IF I  
3 COULD GET RECONSIDERATION. THIS IS RELATED TO AGENDA ITEM  
4 NUMBER --

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, RECONSIDERED.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. AND WE WILL HOLD THIS ITEM. ON  
9 ITEM 60, I WILL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD, BUT  
10 SUPERVISOR KNABE IS ALSO HOLDING THIS ITEM. THE SHORT TITLE  
11 IS, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 21, SUBDIVISIONS, AND  
12 TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE  
13 RELATING TO APPEAL PROCEDURES. AGAIN, SUPERVISOR KNABE IS  
14 HOLDING THIS ITEM. SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEM 61 AND I'LL READ THE  
15 SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX  
16 COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
17 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
18 DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 2001 ELECTION, 2008 SERIES  
19 D, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED  
20 26,003,797.25.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY,  
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH  
2 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF MEETING AS  
3 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 62-A, WE WILL  
4 HOLD FOR A REPORT. 62-B.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA;  
7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 62-C.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
12 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 62-D.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY;  
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 27, NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION. ON  
20 ITEM CS-1 AS POSTED ON THE AGENDA, THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF  
21 HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS CLOSED SESSION BE TAKEN OFF  
22 CALENDAR.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
3 DISTRICT NO. 3.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE STARS AND ONE CONSUL GENERAL. IS THE  
6 CONSUL GENERAL HERE OR ARE WE READY FOR STARS? WE'LL GO  
7 FORWARD WITH STARS. I'M SORRY. THE CONSUL GENERAL IS HERE. I'M  
8 VERY PLEASED TO INVITE AMBASSADOR THEREZA QUINTELLA TO THE  
9 DAIS. IS IT QUINTELLA? QUINTELLA TO THE DAIS. AMBASSADOR  
10 QUINTELLA HAS BEEN CONSUL GENERAL OF BRAZIL IN LOS ANGELES  
11 SINCE MAY 2005. SHE ARRIVED HERE AFTER REPRESENTING HER  
12 COUNTRY WITH DISTINCTION IN NUMEROUS POSTINGS IN SOUTH  
13 AMERICA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, EUROPE AND ASIA, INCLUDING  
14 AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA. AND THE CONSUL GENERAL, WHO IS  
15 AMBASSADOR QUINTELLA, PROMOTED THE DISPLAY AND EXCHANGE OF  
16 BRAZILIAN ARTS, CULTURE, TECHNOLOGY, COMMERCE, AND TRADE. SOME  
17 OF HER MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN THE CREATION OF  
18 BRAZILIAN DAY IN LOS ANGELES HELD EVERY YEAR SINCE 2005. LAST  
19 YEAR IT WAS IN THE GARDENS OF THE PAGE MUSEUM WITH SIX HOURS  
20 OF LIVE BRAZILIAN MUSIC AND BOOTHS DISPLAYING BRAZILIAN  
21 CULTURE AND ARTS WITH THE PURPOSE OF BRINGING TOGETHER THE  
22 BRAZILIAN AND AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES. IT WAS FREE  
23 OF CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC. THE EVENT IN 2007 DREW MORE THAN  
24 2,500 PEOPLE. THE CREATION OF THE BRAZILIAN FILM SERIES, A  
25 MONTHLY PRESENTATION OF CURRENT BRAZILIAN FILMS HELD ON THE



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1 FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM OCTOBER TO JULY IN  
2 COOPERATION WITH U.C.L.A., AND \_\_\_\_\_ HALL AND THE U.C.L.A.  
3 CAMPUS. THE SCREENS ARE FREE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE  
4 CREATION OF AN ART GALLERY IN THE VISITING ROOM OF THE  
5 BRAZILIAN CONSULATE, FEATURING WORKS BY BRAZILIAN ARTISTS  
6 LIVING IN THE LOS ANGELES ARE. THE EXHIBITIONS CHANGE EVERY  
7 TWO OR THREE MONTHS. THE BRAZIL CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S FORUM HELD  
8 IN MAY 2006 IN COOPERATION WITH U.S.C., THAT BROUGHT TOGETHER  
9 OUTSTANDING BRAZILIAN AND CALIFORNIA WOMEN TO DISCUSS ISSUES  
10 OF COMMON INTEREST. A PANEL ON BIO-FUELS HELD IN SEPTEMBER  
11 2000 AT THE MILTON INSTITUTE. A VISIT TO THE PORT OF LOS  
12 ANGELES BY A DELEGATION LED BY THE BRAZILIAN MINISTER OF PORTS  
13 TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES OF PARTNERSHIPS  
14 AND COOPERATION. AMBASSADOR QUINTELLA IS LEAVING US TO RETIRE  
15 FROM THE BRAZILIAN DIPLOMATIC CORPS. SHE WILL BE GREATLY  
16 MISSED BY THE BRAZILIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND BY ALL OF US.  
17 ON BEHALF OF THE MORE THAN 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY  
18 OF LOS ANGELES, I AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BID AMBASSADOR  
19 QUINTELLA FAREWELL. WE WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AS SHE MOVES  
20 FORWARD ON HER NEXT STAGE OF LIFE. I HAVE TO SAY, FIRST OF  
21 ALL, THAT WE APPRECIATE YOU HAVING THE STUDENTS WHO WENT DOWN  
22 TO BRAZIL, AND WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF THEM TODAY.  
23 AND I ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR INVITING SOME PEOPLE IN FOR SOME OF  
24 THESE WONDERFUL EVENTS. [APPLAUSE.]

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1   **THEREZA QUINTELLA:** GOOD MORNING, DEAR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
2   SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES AND THE PUBLIC. I RECEIVE THIS  
3   PLAQUE WITH EMOTION AND GRATITUDE. IT WAS A GREAT TIME I HAD  
4   IN LOS ANGELES FOR THREE YEARS, AND IT'S A VERY MOVING THING  
5   TO BE LEAVING THE DIPLOMATIC AREA, MY FUNCTION HERE, AND  
6   BEGINNING A NEW LIFE THAT I HOPE WILL BRING ME HAPPINESS AS I  
7   HAVE BEEN UNTIL NOW. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AGAIN, FOR YOUR  
8   ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION IN ALL MATTERS OF OUR COMMON  
9   INTERESTS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE L.A. COUNTY STARS, ARE WE READY  
12   WITH THEM? THEY'RE COMING UP? AND IT'S MY PLEASURE TO  
13   INTRODUCE MAY 2008 L.A. COUNTY STARS IN THE CATEGORY OF  
14   ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS. PLEASE WELCOME THE LOS ANGELES  
15   COUNTY E.D.R.S. IMPLEMENTATION TEAM FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
16   CORONER, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND INTERNAL SERVICES  
17   DEPARTMENT. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S ELECTRONIC DEATH  
18   REGISTRATION SYSTEM IS DESIGNED TO STREAMLINE AND IMPROVE  
19   DEATH CERTIFICATE PROCESSING THROUGHOUT THE STATE. PRIOR TO  
20   IMPLEMENTATION OF E.D.R.S., DEATH CERTIFICATE PROCESSING WAS  
21   COMPLETELY MANUAL AND REQUIRED THE DEATH CERTIFICATE TO BE  
22   CREATED ON A TYPEWRITER, ACCORDING TO STRINGENT STATE  
23   REQUIREMENTS. AND ANY ERROR REQUIRED THE ENTIRE CERTIFICATE TO  
24   BE RETYPED. THE DEATH CERTIFICATE WAS HAND-CARRIED FROM THE  
25   FUNERAL HOME TO THE CORONER TO THE REGISTRAR AND THEN



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1 SUBMITTED TO THE STATE. THIS MANUAL PROCESS OFTEN RESULTED IN  
2 FAMILIES NOT HAVING ACCESS TO FINAL DEATH CERTIFICATES FOR AS  
3 LONG AS SIX MONTHS. WITH E.D.R.S., DEATH CERTIFICATES ARE  
4 CREATED VIA WEB-BASED APPLICATION AND ARE TRANSMITTED BETWEEN  
5 AGENCIES AND SUBMITTED TO THE STATE ELECTRONICALLY.  
6 CERTIFICATES ARE SIGNED DIGITALLY BY CORONER, MEDICAL  
7 EXAMINERS, AND PHYSICIANS RESPECTIVELY. THIS GREATLY REDUCES  
8 PROCESSING AND SUBMISSION TIMES, ALLOWING FAMILIES TO GET  
9 FINAL DEATH CERTIFICATE IN DAYS INSTEAD OF MONTHS, ALSO VASTLY  
10 IMPROVES DATA QUALITY AND CONSISTENCY AS ELECTRONIC SYSTEM  
11 INCORPORATES INTERNAL DATA CHECKS FOR ERRORS AND  
12 INCONSISTENCIES. THIS COLLABORATION DEMONSTRATED THAT WORKING  
13 TOGETHER, THREE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS COULD IMPROVE THE ACCURACY  
14 AND TIMELINESS OF DEATH CERTIFICATE REGISTRATIONS, WHICH ALLOW  
15 FAMILIES TO PROCEED WITH FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND HELP BRING  
16 CLOSURE IN THEIR TIME OF GRIEF. TEAM MEMBERS INCLUDE, AND  
17 WOULD YOU RAISE YOUR HAND, SARAH ONONUMA, DID I PRONOUNCE THAT  
18 RIGHT? TELL ME HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE. AHANEMAN. AMY CHAN.  
19 BRIAN COSGROVE. RAFI GIBURIA. SYLVIA GONZALEZ. BRIAN HILL.  
20 GREG MERCADO. RUBEN PENA. DAVID SMITH. MICHELLE WALKER. AND  
21 ANITA WALLACE. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

22  
23 **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** WE JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT WE'RE VERY, VERY  
24 PROUD OF THIS TEAM. THIS WAS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN  
25 ALL OF THESE DEPARTMENTS. AND THE BENEFICIARIES OF THIS





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1 WONDERFUL PROJECT ARE ALL OF THE CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY THAT  
2 EVER HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE CORONER'S OFFICE AND STATE  
3 REGISTRARS WITH RESPECT TO DEATH CERTIFICATES. THEY'RE GOING  
4 TO GET THEM A LOT QUICKER. AND THEY'LL BE MANAGED A LOT  
5 BETTER.

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7 **DR. LAKSHMANAN SATHYAVAGISWARAN:** I REALLY WANTED TO THANK ALL  
8 THE PERSONS INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT BECAUSE THE PUBLIC  
9 BENEFITS THE MOST. THEY GET THE DEATH CERTIFICATE WITHIN  
10 MINUTES OF ME CERTIFYING IT. IT'S ALL DONE ELECTRONICALLY.  
11 IT'S A GREAT PROJECT. AND THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN, ALL  
12 OF YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **TOM TINDALL:** THANK YOU, EVERYBODY. I.S.D. IS VERY PROUD TO BE  
15 A PART OF THIS WINNING TEAM. AGAIN, THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS FOR THIS RECOGNITION.

17

18 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THIS IS ONE OF THOSE UNHERALDED PART OF  
19 THE IMPORTANT SERVICES THE COUNTY PROVIDES. I WANT TO THANK  
20 ALL OF THE GROUP AND ESPECIALLY AMY CHAN AND HER GROUP IN  
21 PUBLIC HEALTH. AND IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING MUCH MORE TIMELY  
22 INFORMATION FOR GRIEVING FAMILIES, IT'S GOING TO PROVIDE MUCH  
23 BETTER INFORMATION ON TRENDS IN THE CAUSE OF DEATH IN L.A.  
24 COUNTY, WHICH WILL HELP US TO BETTER RESPOND TO THOSE TRENDS  
25 AND WORK CLOSELY WITH THE BOARD ON IMPROVED EFFORTS TO IMPROVE



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1 THE HEALTH OF EVERYBODY WHO LIVES IN OUR GREAT COUNTY. THANK  
2 YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE ONE PRESENTATION. I  
5 HAVE THE SEASONAL PLEASURE OF INTRODUCING A COUPLE OF GUESTS  
6 WHO ARE GOING TO BE THE LEAD-IN TO WHAT WILL BE A GREAT SUMMER  
7 FESTIVAL AT THE JOHN ANSON FORD THEATRE. AND WE HOPE --  
8 CERTAINLY HOPE THAT ALL THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
9 AND BEYOND, ANYONE WITHIN THE SOUND OF OUR VOICE WILL TAKE AN  
10 INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM THIS YEAR. BUT TODAY I'M PRESENTING A  
11 SCROLL TO A FEATURED ARTIST WHO IS GOING TO HELP OPEN THE 2008  
12 SUMMER SEASON, SHOWCASING -- TODAY WE'RE SHOWCASING FIESTA  
13 ARGENTINA 2008, SIEMPRE TANGO. THE THIRD ANNUAL ARGENTINEAN  
14 MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 16HT.  
15 FIESTA ARGENTINA 2008, SIEMPRE TANGO, INCLUDES A TROUPE OF SIX  
16 DANCERS LED BY DANCER/CHOREOGRAPHERS SANDOR & PARISSA,  
17 ARGENTINE PIANIST MARIO PARMISANO QUARTET AND THE L.A. TANGO  
18 QUINTET, PRECEDED BY AN ARGENTINE CRAFTS BAZAAR AND OTHER  
19 ACTIVITIES TO BENEFIT INCA, THE PERUVIAN ENSEMBLE. THIS IS THE  
20 BRAINCHILD OF GUILLERMO AND JOYCE BORDARAMPE, ARTISTS AND  
21 PRODUCERS WHO HAVE SERVED AS AMBASSADORS OF SOUTH AMERICAN  
22 MUSIC, ART, AND CULTURE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SINCE  
23 1977. THEY ARE THE COFOUNDERS OF DEL MATE PRODUCTIONS, A  
24 PRODUCTION COMPANY, RECORDING STUDIO AND INDEPENDENT LABEL  
25 THAT HELPS PROMOTE ARTISTS AND MUSIC FROM SOUTH AMERICA.



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1 GUILLERMO HAS AN INTERESTING PERSONAL BACKGROUND. HE'S A  
2 NATIVE OF BUENOS AIRES, HE WAS A MEMBER OF ARCO IRIS, OF THE  
3 PIONEERS OF ROCK IN ESPANOL IN ARGENTINA IN THE LATE '60S AND  
4 '70S. HE RECORDED 13 ALBUMS WITH THEM BEFORE IMMIGRATING TO  
5 THE UNITED STATES IN 1977. HERE HE FOUNDED THE NONPROFIT INCA,  
6 THE PERUVIAN ENSEMBLE. AND WITH INCA, HE HAD PRODUCED AND  
7 RECORDED THREE CDS AND PERFORMS ON TOUR. HE ALSO PROVIDES  
8 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES WITH GRANT SUPPORT FROM THE CALIFORNIA  
9 ARTS COUNCIL, THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS, THE L.A.  
10 COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION, AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES CULTURAL  
11 AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. I KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD NOT  
12 ONLY TO THE FIESTA ARGENTINA ON AUGUST 16TH, BUT WE'RE LOOKING  
13 FORWARD TO THE WHOLE SEASON. AND BEFORE I MAKE THIS  
14 PRESENTATION, WHAT IS THE WEBSITE IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO GO  
15 ONLINE? FORDAMPHITHEATRE.ORG. IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW YOU SPELL  
16 AMPHITHEATRE, YOU STILL GET THERE.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, THAT'S VERY HELPFUL, ESPECIALLY  
19 TO PEOPLE LIKE ME. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER YOU KNOW HOW TO  
20 SPELL AMPHITHEATRE OR NOT, IT'LL GET THERE.  
21 FORDAMPHITEATRE.ORG, AND YOU'LL GET THE ENTIRE SCHEDULE FOR  
22 THIS SUMMER. IT'S REALLY ONE OF L.A.'S BEST KEPT SECRETS. BUT  
23 ON AUGUST 16TH, THAT'S THE DAY WHEN FIESTA ARGENTINA WILL  
24 DESCEND UPON THE JOHN ANSON FORD THEATER STAGE WITH GUILLERMO  
25 AND JOYCE. WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.



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1 YOU HAVE ENRICHED OUR LIFE AND OUR CULTURE HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
2 IN BRINGING SOME OF THE GREAT MUSIC AND ART FROM SOUTH AMERICA  
3 TO OUR REGION. PLEASE SAY A WORD. LET'S TAKE A PICTURE AND  
4 THEN SAY A WORD, OKAY.

5

6 **GUILLERMO BORDARAMPE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD MORNING. THANK  
7 YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR YOUR KIND WORDS AND FOR YOUR  
8 LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT AND ALSO LAURA ZUCKER AND THE ENTIRE  
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE PROVIDED TO US  
10 THROUGHOUT ALL THESE YEARS. LIKE MR. YAROSLAVSKY SAID, I CAME  
11 TO THE STATES IN '77 AND I HAVE BEEN IN LOS ANGELES SINCE  
12 1978. AND THROUGH ALL THE SUPPORT, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ENJOY  
13 THE DIVERSITY THAT LOS ANGELES HAS TO OFFER. AND ALSO, I  
14 GUESS, ADD OUR LITTLE STROKE OF COLOR TO THAT DIVERSITY WITH  
15 OUR DIFFERENT PROGRAMS, FIRST WITH A PERUVIAN ENSEMBLE AND  
16 THEN GOING BACK TO MY OWN ROOTS, BEING FROM BUENOS AIRES, WITH  
17 THESE SHOWS THAT WE STARTED PRODUCING AT THE FORD AMPHITHEATRE  
18 CALLED FIESTA ARGENTINA. THIS IS OUR FOURTH VERSION OF FIESTA  
19 ARGENTINA 2008. AND I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY, VERY  
20 EXCITING PROGRAM BECAUSE OF THE CAST OF ARTISTS THAT WE'RE  
21 BRINGING. NOW IT'S A DIVERSITY, TRYING TO SHOW THE TRADITIONAL  
22 ASPECTS OF TANGO, WHICH IS GOING TO BE THE SECOND PART OF THE  
23 SHOW WITH THE MASTER TANGO DANCERS, SANDOR & PARISSA, AND ALSO  
24 THE NEW DIRECTIONS IN TANGO WITH GREAT PIANIST, ARGENTINE  
25 PIANIST MARIO PARMISANO, WHO HAS BEEN THE LEAD PIANIST FOR THE



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1 GREAT GUITAR PLAYER, AL DI MEOLA, FOR TEN YEARS. AND NOW HE IS  
2 STARTING HIS OWN PROJECT CALLED THE MARIO PARMISANO QUARTET,  
3 EXPLORING THE FUSION OF JAZZ AND TANGO. AND FOR EVERYBODY, THE  
4 FORD AMPHITHEATRE I THINK IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE BEST VENUES.  
5 AND LIKE YOU SAID, KEPT SECRETS IN LOS ANGELES, IN THE COUNTY  
6 OF LOS ANGELES. IT'S SUCH AN INTIMATE PLACE. THE ACOUSTICS ARE  
7 TREMENDOUS. THE ENVIRONMENT WITH A BACKGROUND OF THE HOLLYWOOD  
8 HILLS THERE IS SOMETHING VERY, VERY UNIQUE. SO I GUESS I URGE  
9 EVERYBODY TO COME AND ENJOY NOT ONLY OUR PROGRAM ON AUGUST  
10 16TH, FIESTA ARGENTINA, 2008, SIEMPRE TANGO, BUT THE ENTIRE  
11 SEASON OF THE FORD AMPHITHEATRE. THEY HAVE A DIVERSE PROGRAM  
12 AND SEASON REPRESENTING A LOT OF DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND  
13 CULTURES WITH OUTSTANDING LOCAL ARTISTS. AND THAT'S ANOTHER  
14 GREAT ASPECT OF THE FORD AMPHITHEATRE, GIVING THE LOCAL  
15 ARTISTS OUR OWN BACKGROUND OR BACKYARD ARTISTS A CHANCE TO  
16 PRESENT THEIR WORK. AND ONCE YOU PRESENT AT THE FORD  
17 AMPHITHEATRE IS LIKE A STAMP OF QUALITY. IT MEANS THAT YOU  
18 HAVE REALLY VALUE AND QUALITY. SO PLEASE VISIT  
19 FORDTHEATRES.ORG TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENTIRE  
20 SEASON AND YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND  
21 ENJOY THE SEASON. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, SO IT'S FORDAMPHITHEATRE.ORG. I  
24 WANT TO INTRODUCE LAURA ZUCKER JUST TO WAVE. SHE DOESN'T WANT  
25 TO SPEAK. BUT SHE'S THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OUR ARTS



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1 COMMISSION AND REALLY THE BACKBONE OF THE FORD. THANK YOU,  
2 GUILLERMO, JOYCE, THANK YOU. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN  
3 AUGUST. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AT THIS TIME, I WANT TO MAKE SOME  
8 INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE, WHO IS  
9 ATTENDING DALLAS JONES'S FUNERAL THIS MORNING, WHICH THE BOARD  
10 WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND, BUT OUR SYMPATHIES GO TO DALLAS'S  
11 FAMILY. HE WAS A GREAT MAN. AND WE WILL MISS HIS LEADERSHIP IN  
12 THE FIRE PREVENTION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY IN OUR STATE.  
13 TODAY WE HAVE A PROGRAM THAT THE COUNTY HELPED INITIATE IN  
14 1999 ON A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, WHICH WAS TO ENHANCE THE  
15 OPERATION READ FOR THE CHILDREN IN OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT.  
16 SO WE HAVE WITH US TODAY CHIEF ROBERT TAYLOR, WHO IS THE  
17 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, GAIL MCFARLAND-SOSA WHO IS WITH  
18 THE DEPARTMENT AND MADELINE ANTONOVICH WHO IS WITH THE  
19 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, ALONG WITH SOME OF THE STUDENTS WHO  
20 WERE RECOGNIZED EARLIER THIS MORNING IN SUPERVISOR KNABE'S  
21 OFFICE. THESE ARE EIGHT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN  
22 HELPED THROUGH THIS OPERATION LITERACY PROGRAM. NOW, THIS HAS  
23 NOW ASSISTED OVER 8,000 STUDENTS TO RAISE THEIR READING  
24 SKILLS, HELPING THEM TO OBTAIN THEIR EDUCATIONAL GOALS. THIS  
25 IS ALSO A PART OF OUR OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY AND A PUBLIC-





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1 PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. SO WE ALSO HAVE FIVE COMMUNITY-BASED  
2 ORGANIZATIONS WHO WILL BE REPRESENTING EACH OF OUR  
3 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS TODAY WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN  
4 TUTORING INSTRUCTION TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. SO NOW LET ME FIRST,  
5 TO OUR COMMUNITY'S REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE HERE FROM THE FIRST  
6 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IS VICKI WONG FROM THE CHINATOWN  
7 SERVICE CENTER. [APPLAUSE.] AND FROM THE PEOPLE WHO CARE,  
8 YVETTE ELLIS SERVING THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT.  
9 [APPLAUSE.] FROM THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT ARE NEW  
10 DIRECTIONS FOR YOUTH AND WE HAVE STACEY COHEN. [APPLAUSE.]  
11 FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT, LONG BEACH BLAST, WE HAVE RAY  
12 THOMPSON. [APPLAUSE.] AND FROM THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL  
13 DISTRICT WE HAVE LYNN LEE FROM THE ASIAN YOUTH CENTER.  
14 [APPLAUSE.] AND WE HAVE FOR CAROLE MACARTHUR, WHO IS WITH THE  
15 PROBATION DEPARTMENT OPERATION READ, SHE'S A SITE COORDINATOR  
16 AND HAS EXEMPLIFIED A STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE  
17 LITERACY SKILLS OF THE ABUSED AND DELINQUENT YOUTH AS A MEANS  
18 TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM. SO CAROLE, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]  
19 WOULD THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE STAND UP WHO HAVE BEEN  
20 INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM? ALL OF YOU? [APPLAUSE.] AND WHERE ARE  
21 THE EIGHT CHILDREN THAT WERE RECOGNIZED THIS MORNING? WHERE  
22 ARE THE 20 SOME, COME ON UP, THE 20 SOME, OKAY. [APPLAUSE.]  
23 COME ON UP. CONGRATULATIONS, YOU GOT YOUR EMMY. [LAUGHTER.]  
24 SEE, ON OUR PAPER HERE, THEY SAID EIGHT, NOT 27. SO THAT'S  
25 BETTER YET. MORE HIGH ACHIEVERS. OKAY, FUTURE DOCTORS,



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1 LAWYERS, RIGHT? PROBATION OFFICERS. SUPERVISORS. COME ON. LET  
2 ME ASK WHO WANTS TO SPEAK FOR THE DEPARTMENT? GAIL?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. TODAY WE HONOR SOME OF OUR WONDERFUL  
5 STUDENTS WHO HAVE RAISED THEIR LEVEL OF READING. WE HAVE LOTS  
6 OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING REALLY, REALLY HARD TO  
7 INCREASE THEIR READING SKILLS AND COMPREHENSION, WRITING AND  
8 SPELLING. WE EVEN HAVE SOME WHO PARTICIPATE IN SOME SPELLING  
9 BEES. WE HONOR CAROLE MACARTHUR, WHO IS OUR SITE COORDINATOR  
10 AT CAMP MUNZ MENDENHALL, AND SHE HAS BEEN ABLE TO RAISE THE  
11 YOUTHS GRADE LEVELS OVER TWO GRADE LEVELS WITH 40 HOURS OF  
12 TUTORING CONSISTENTLY. SHE DOES AN AMAZING JOB ENGAGING THE  
13 YOUTH TO INSPIRE THEM TO LEARN. WE ALSO HAVE TUTORS WHO ARE  
14 OUT THERE HELPING MANY OF OUR YOUTH WHO HAVE NOT PASSED THAT  
15 CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM, THAT C.A.H.S.E.E. THAT CAN  
16 SOMETIMES BE A CHALLENGE. AND THEY HAVE ENCOURAGED THEM TO GO  
17 AND TRY AGAIN. AND THEY TEACH THEM HOW TO WRITE THAT ALL  
18 DIFFICULT PARAGRAPH, TO WRITE IT SO PERSUASIVELY THAT THEY  
19 THEN PASS THAT TEST, WHICH GIVES THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE  
20 A DIPLOMA. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF ALL OF OUR YOUTH. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **CAROLE MACARTHUR:** HI, I'M CAROLE MACARTHUR. IF IT WEREN'T FOR  
23 PAT, RENEE, KENT, MANDY, MY HUSBAND, AND MY SAVIOR, I WOULDN'T  
24 BE HERE TODAY, AND I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. SO



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1 I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY BECAUSE I STAND UP HERE FOR YOU  
2 GUYS, TOO. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WE TALK ABOUT PUBLIC-PRIVATE  
5 PARTNERSHIPS, TODAY WE WANT TO SHOW YOU AN EXAMPLE OF A VERY  
6 GOOD CONSTRUCTIVE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FROM TOYOTA OF  
7 GLENDORA. AND WITH US TODAY IS MURRAY SEIDNER, WHO IS THE  
8 OWNER, ALONG WITH RICHARD ROMERO, THE GENERAL MANAGER, AND  
9 MARIA FANNING, WHO IS THE BUSINESS MANAGER OF TOYOTA OF  
10 GLENDORA. LINDA KONTIS, WHO IS SERENITY INFANT CARE HOMES, AND  
11 JENNIFER CHOCTAW, SERENITY INFANT CARE HOMES, AND DIANE  
12 CARROL, AGAIN OF SERENITY INFANT HOMES, AND THEY'RE  
13 RECOGNIZING WHAT GLENDORA TOYOTA HAS DONE. THEY HAVE GIVEN A  
14 GRACIOUS DONATION OF A NEW MINIVAN TO THIS INFANT CARE HOME,  
15 WHICH IS A NONPROFIT FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY IN COVINA THAT  
16 PROVIDES VITAL SERVICES TO OVER 70 ABUSED, ABANDONED AND  
17 NEGLECTED CHILDREN IN OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING SAN  
18 BERNADINO, RIVERSIDE, AND ORANGE. SERVICES INCLUDE THERAPY,  
19 TREATMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND EVEN A PROGRAM THAT  
20 HELPS FIND FOSTER HOMES FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING TEENS ALONG  
21 WITH THEIR CHILDREN. SERENITY HAD A TOYOTA SIENNA MINIVAN FOR  
22 10 YEARS THAT WAS CONSTANTLY GIVING THEM PROBLEMS UNTIL THE  
23 VAN WAS USED TO TRANSPORT THE CHILDREN. SO LAST DECEMBER THEY  
24 TOOK THE VAN TO TOYOTA GLENDORA TO GET IT REPAIRED. AND IT WAS  
25 CHRISTMASTIME AND SANTA CLAUS WAS THERE AND THE DEALER SAW THE



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1 VEHICLE AND GAVE THEM A BRAND NEW ONE. SO ON JANUARY 16TH,  
2 SERENITY'S STAFF AND A FEW CHILDREN MADE THEIR WAY TO GLENDORA  
3 DEALERSHIP WHERE THEY RECEIVED A USED 2007 TOYOTA SIENNA. IN  
4 ADDITION TO THE DONATION, THEY HAVE ALSO FIXED THE AGENCY'S  
5 PREVIOUS VAN AND HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE FREE MAINTENANCE FOR  
6 BOTH VEHICLES. SO WE WANT TO THANK TOYOTA GLENDORA. ANYBODY  
7 WHO'S LISTENING? THAT'S A GOOD PLUG FOR TOYOTA GLENDORA. WE  
8 WANT TO GIVE THEM THIS PROCLAMATION FOR COMMITMENT TO OUR  
9 YOUTH, ESPECIALLY OUR FOSTER YOUTH, WHO NEED THIS TYPE OF  
10 MENTORING AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO BE ON THEIR FEET, TO BE THE  
11 NECESSARY LEADERS THAT OUR COUNTY AND STATE NEED. HERE WE GO,  
12 MURRAY. THANK YOU FOR DOING IT.

13  
14 **SPEAKER:** WELL, ON BEHALF OF SERENITY, WE WOULD LIKE TO  
15 PERSONALLY THANK MR. SEIDNER FOR GIVING US THE GENEROUS  
16 DONATION OF THE VAN. THERE'S MANY PEOPLE THAT SAY THEY WANT TO  
17 HELP AND DO THINGS. BUT HE CAME, HE SAW THE NEED AND HE  
18 IMMEDIATELY TOOK CARE OF THE NEED AND GOT US A BEAUTIFUL VAN.  
19 AND SO WE ARE SO APPRECIATIVE THAT NOT ONLY HAS HE DONE THAT,  
20 BUT HE'S SEEN OTHER NEEDS SINCE THEN AND HE CONTINUES TO GIVE.  
21 AND SO WE'RE JUST AMAZED AT YOUR GENEROUS, YOUR KINDNESS, AND  
22 IT'S NOT JUST HE'S GIVING HIS MONEY. YOU CAN JUST SEE HIS  
23 COMPASSION FOR THE CHILDREN WHEN HE'S AROUND THEM, THE WAY HE  
24 HOLDS THEM AND INTERACTS WITH THEM. IT'S GREAT THAT HE IS NOT  
25 JUST GENEROUS WITH HIS MONEY BUT HIS HEART, AS WELL. AND SO WE



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1 ARE VERY GRATEFUL AND WE THANK GOD FOR WHEN WE MADE THE CALL  
2 AND WE ASKED FOR A FAVOR AND GOD USED HIM TO GIVE US THE FAVOR  
3 THAT WE GREATLY NEEDED, WHICH IS THIS NEW VAN. SO THANK YOU.  
4 AND THANK YOU FOR HONORING HIM. WE'VE SAID THANK YOU A MILLION  
5 TIMES, BUT WE THINK IT SHOULD BE BIGGER THAN JUST US. SO THANK  
6 YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE GIRL, SHE'S  
9 EIGHT WEEKS OLD. HER NAME IS JELLY. AND SHE'S A LITTLE SPANISH  
10 MIX. AND THIS IS LITTLE JELLY WHO IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO  
11 ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT HER CALL 562-728-4644. OR  
12 ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE JENNY.  
13 SHE'S VERY CUTE. VERY SERENE. LITTLE JENNY IS LOOKING FOR A  
14 HOME. AND SHE HAS A LOT OF LITTLE COUSINS AND FRIENDS THAT ARE  
15 ALSO LOOKING FOR HOMES IN OUR SHELTERS, TOO. SHE'S SAYING SHE  
16 WOULD LIKE A HOME.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IS THAT FERNANDO PULLUM?

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20 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD FERNANDO PULLUM,  
23 PERFORMING ARTS DIRECTOR AT VIEW PARK PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL,  
24 AN I.C.E.F. CHARTER SCHOOL AND STUDENT AMBASSADOR  
25 REPRESENTATIVE. WE'RE SO PLEASED TO HAVE FERNANDO PULLUM, WHO



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1 HAS BECOME AN INSPIRATION TO STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY  
2 FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO BUILDING STUDENT CHARACTER  
3 AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP. HE HAS BEEN USING MUSIC AS THE CATALYST  
4 FOR CHANGE FOR OVER 20 YEARS. THROUGH HIS COMMITMENT, HE HAS  
5 BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF NUMEROUS AWARDS, INCLUDING NATIONAL  
6 MUSIC TEACHER OF THE YEAR. THROUGHOUT HIS EXTENSIVE MUSICAL  
7 CAREER HE HAS PERFORMED FOR DIGNITARIES AND CELEBRITIES. THERE  
8 IS NO DOUBT HE HAS CREATED CREATIVE PATHS FOR HIS STUDENTS  
9 THROUGH MUSIC. MOST RECENTLY 17 OF HIS VIEW PARK PREPARATORY  
10 HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY PARTICIPATED IN A  
11 CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO BUILD BRIDGES BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
12 SALVADOR, STATE OF BAHAI AND COUNTRY OF BRAZIL. THE STUDENTS  
13 PERFORMED FOR LOCAL STUDENTS AND CREATED DIALOGUE REGARDING  
14 MUSIC AND EDUCATION. IT IS WITH GREAT HONOR THAT I PRESENT  
15 THIS SCROLL TO FERNANDO PULLUM FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO  
16 THE YOUTH OF L.A. COUNTY. AND WE ALSO THANK HIM FOR HAVING HIS  
17 STUDENTS OUT SO OFTEN FOR OUR EVENTS. IT'S BEEN JUST  
18 WONDERFUL. CONGRATULATIONS ON SUCH A WONDERFUL JOB. DID THEY  
19 HAVE A GOOD TIME IN BRAZIL?

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21 **FERNANDO PULLUM:** ABSOLUTELY.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WONDERFUL. [APPLAUSE.]

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1   **FERNANDO PULLUM:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I AM  
2   GOING TO DO PERSONALLY WHEN YOU LEAVE OFFICE. YOU HAVE BEEN A  
3   GREAT SERVICE TO US IN HELPING THE KIDS IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES.  
4   I TOOK 17 KIDS TO BRAZIL, BUT IT HAS A FAR REACHING IMPACT,  
5   BECAUSE THE KIDS THAT ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM GET TO  
6   SEE THESE GUYS IN THE POSITIVE WAYS AND THEY GET TO ASPIRE TO  
7   BE LIKE THEM. SO WE WANT TO CHANGE THE CULTURE IN SOUTH LOS  
8   ANGELES, WE HAVE TO EMPOWER THESE KIDS TO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE,  
9   AND THEY ARE INDEED DOING THAT. THEY TEACH 100 KIDS EVERY  
10   SATURDAY, FREE LESSONS. THROUGH THE SUMMER WE TEACH 500 KIDS  
11   EVERY DAY TO PLAY. 500 EVERY DAY. AND HOPEFULLY YOU CAN COME  
12   OUT AND JOIN US. WE'RE PLAYING THE PLAYBOY JAZZ FESTIVAL ON  
13   JUNE THE 15TH AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL. WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN COME  
14   OUT AND SUPPORT US. WE ALSO HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU. THIS IS ONE  
15   OF MY STUDENTS, JANICE WHITEHEAD.

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17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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19   **JANICE WHITEHEAD:** WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS GIFT.  
20   ENCLOSED IS A PICTURE FROM A BRAZILIAN ARTIST, WHICH HE FINGER  
21   PAINTS WITH OIL PAINT AND A TOOTHPICK. PICTURES FROM--

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MY GOODNESS THE PICTURES FROM YOUR VISIT.

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1   **JANICE WHITEHEAD:** SCHOOL OF MUSIC. AND A STONE FROM THE EARTH  
2   OF BRAZIL.

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4   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LOOK AT THIS. ISN'T THIS BEAUTIFUL?  
5   [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW, I KNOW THAT THEY'RE  
6   TRYING TO DO A VIDEO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DID WE GET IT OKAY?  
7   ALL RIGHT. DO YOU WANT THEM TO STAND IN FRONT HERE? [MUSIC.]

8

9   **CHRISTINA DEVINE (VIDEO):** THE JAZZ BAND IS TRAVELING SOUTH TO  
10   BRAZIL IN A CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM. AL EISNER TALKED TO THE  
11   EXCITED STUDENTS, MANY OF WHOM ARE TRAVELING ABROAD FOR THE  
12   FIRST TIME, OH HOW FUN.

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14   **AL EISNER (VIDEO):** SOUNDS LIKE AN AWFUL LOT OF FUN, CHRIS. YOU  
15   KNOW, SCHOOL KIDS GO ON FIELD TRIPS ALL THE TIME. IT'S NOT  
16   OFTEN THOUGHT THAT THEY GO TO PLACES LIKE BRAZIL. THANKS,  
17   HOWEVER, TO A LOT OF DONATIONS AND A VERY SPECIAL BAND  
18   DIRECTOR, THAT'S EXACTLY WHERE THEY'RE GOING. THE IDEA OF  
19   TAKING STUDENTS ON A BRIEF TRIP TO ANOTHER COUNTRY ISN'T  
20   COMPLETELY NEW FOR THIS MUSIC TEACHER. HE DID IT ONCE BEFORE  
21   AT WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL. TOOK THREE KIDS TO CUBA.

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23   **FERNANDO PULLUM (VIDEO):** AND THAT WAS SUCH A REMARKABLE  
24   EXPERIENCE.

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1   **AL EISNER (VIDEO)** : NOW HE'S TAKING 17 TO BRAZIL. THE BAND EVEN  
2   HAS A SON OF ONE OF PULLUM'S VERY FIRST STUDENTS.

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4   **FERNANDO PULLUM (VIDEO)** : I FEEL OLD.

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6   **AL EISNER (VIDEO)** : HE MAY FEEL OLD, BUT TO LISTEN TO THESE  
7   KIDS, FERNANDO PULLUM IS MAKING THEM FEEL SPECIAL.

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9   **SPEAKER (VIDEO)** : TWO YEARS AGO, SOME OF THE YOUNG MUSICIANS IN  
10   THE VIEW PARK PREP JAZZ ENSEMBLE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO PLAY  
11   AN INSTRUMENT. NOW MUSIC IS CHANGING THE LIVES OF THESE SOUTH  
12   LOS ANGELES TEENAGERS. MORE THAN 90 PERCENT OF THE CHARTER  
13   SCHOOL STUDENTS GO ON TO COLLEGE, AND EVERYONE IN THE BAND IS  
14   REQUIRED TO KEEP THEIR GRADES UP.

15

16   **STUDENT (VIDEO)** : FIRST TIME YOU HAVE TO HAVE YOUR ACADEMICS  
17   AND YOUR HEAD ON STRAIGHT IN ORDER TO BECOME A GOOD MUSICIAN  
18   BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE TO RESPECT THE MUSIC AND RESPECT  
19   THE ART.

20

21   **FERNANDO PULLUM (VIDEO)** : PEOPLE THINK THAT KIDS FROM SOUTH  
22   L.A. ARE ALL BAD AND IN GANGS. AND UNFORTUNATELY, THOSE KIDS  
23   THAT ARE DOING NEGATIVE THINGS GET MOST OF THE ATTENTION.  
24   WE'LL STOP VIOLENCE IF WE ACTUALLY START TO FOCUS ON THE KIDS  
25   THAT ARE DOING THE RIGHT THINGS.



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2 **SPEAKER (VIDEO) :** TODAY, THE 17-MEMBER BAND LEFT LOS ANGELES  
3 HEADED FOR A CULTURAL EXCHANGE IN SALVADOR, BRAZIL. A JOURNEY  
4 MOST NEVER DREAMED OF. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
7 [APPLAUSE.] CONGRATULATIONS. AND HE DID A GREAT JOB OVER AT  
8 WASHINGTON. AND WE'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR HIS STUDENTS  
9 SO MANY TIMES OVER THE YEARS. AND NOW AT VIEW PARK PREP,  
10 THEY'RE DOING A GREAT JOB, TOO. I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD TRISH  
11 PLOEHN, DIRECTOR OF D.C.F.S. AND POLLY WILLIAMS, EXECUTIVE  
12 DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN. THE DEPARTMENT  
13 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND PARTNERS HAVE ORGANIZED AN  
14 EVENT TO HONOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE  
15 REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND PLAN TO ATTEND  
16 COLLEGE IN THE FALL. ON JUNE 4TH, D.C.F.S., TOGETHER WITH  
17 UNITED FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN, WILL HOST THE 19TH ANNUAL  
18 CELEBRATION 2008 HONORING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF FOSTER  
19 YOUTH. AND IT'S SUCH AN IMPRESSIVE EVENT, WHEN WE GET A CHANCE  
20 TO SEE THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE SCHOLARSHIPS, WHO ARE  
21 MOVING FORWARD. AND UNITED FRIENDS OF CHILDREN SPEARHEADED  
22 THIS WONDERFUL OCCASION AND UNDERWRITES THE CEREMONY, AS WELL  
23 AS PROVIDE MANY OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS. THE CASEY AND TEAGUE  
24 FOUNDATIONS ARE ALSO LONG-TIME COUNTY SUPPORTERS WHO ASSIST IN  
25 FINANCING THIS EVENT. AND WE OWE A GREAT DEAL OF GRATITUDE TO



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1 THEM. D.C.F.S. STAFF AND ALL THEIR PARTNERS ARE TO BE  
2 COMMENDED FOR THE COUNTLESS NUMBER OF HOURS IT'S TAKEN TO  
3 PREPARE FOR THIS GALA EVENT, WHICH WILL BE A GREAT REWARD TO  
4 OUR FOSTER YOUTH WHO HAVE OVERCOME SUCH GREAT OBSTACLES TO  
5 ATTAIN EVEN GREATER SUCCESS. IT IS WITH GREAT HONOR I PRESENT  
6 THIS SCROLL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE  
7 AND TO UNITED FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN AND ALL PARTICIPATING  
8 PARTNERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND FOR MAKING THIS EVENT SO  
9 IMPORTANT FOR OUR COUNTY, BUT ALSO FOR THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE.  
10 [APPLAUSE.] AND YOU HAVE ALL OF THEM HERE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
11 SAY A WORD FIRST?

12

13 **TRISH PLOEHN:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR  
14 HONORING THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SECTION THAT IS  
15 SITTING BEHIND ME FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE TO  
16 PREPARE FOR THIS GRADUATION CEREMONY. THERE WILL BE 132 OF OUR  
17 YOUTH THAT ARE GRADUATING AND MOVING ON, GOING ON TO COLLEGE.  
18 AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK UNITED FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN,  
19 JANET AND IAN TEAUGE AND THE TEAGUE FOUNDATION, AS WELL AS THE  
20 CASEY FOUNDATION, FOR ALL OF THEIR SUPPORT FOR OUR YOUTH AND  
21 FOR OUR DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **POLLY WILLIAMS:** IT'S SUCH AN HONOR FOR UNITED FRIENDS OF THE  
24 CHILDREN TO BE A PARTNER IN THIS EVENT. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE  
25 THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THANK THEM FOR



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1    THEIR PARTNERSHIP. AND I WANT TO LET ALL OF YOU KNOW THAT 78  
2    PERCENT OF THE YOUTH WHO WILL RECEIVE A COLLEGE SPONSORSHIP  
3    FROM UNITED FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN AT THIS SPECIAL EVENT WILL  
4    GO ON TO GET THEIR BACHELOR'S DEGREE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN  
5    PUTTING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE REACH OF FOSTER  
6    YOUTH, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONTACT US VIA OUR WEBSITE,  
7    UNITEDFRIENDS.ORG. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

8

9    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] THAT'S A GREAT  
10    EVENT IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN ATTEND, IT'S WONDERFUL AND SO  
11    INSPIRATIONAL. I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD REGINA LOUISE, AUTHOR  
12    OF A MEMOIR, "SOMEBODY, SOMEONE". REGINA ENTERED THE FOSTER  
13    CARE SYSTEM AS A TODDLER WHEN HER BIOLOGICAL MOTHER ABANDONED  
14    HER. AT THE AGE OF 11, SHE REUNITED WITH HER MOTHER BUT  
15    QUICKLY FOUND OUT THAT HER MOTHER WAS NOT READY FOR THE  
16    RESPONSIBILITY. WITH THE THEN-AGAIN ABSENCE OF HER MOTHER, SHE  
17    LIVED IN OVER 30 DIFFERENT FOSTER HOMES, GROUP HOMES AND  
18    PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ADOPTION PRESENTED  
19    ITSELF. HOWEVER, THE PETITION WAS DENIED BECAUSE ADOPTIVE  
20    PARENT WAS SINGLE AND CAUCASIAN. REGINA WAS NEVER ADOPTED AND  
21    REMAINED IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM UNTIL SHE WAS 18. AS AN  
22    ADULT, SHE TOOK CHARGE OF HER LIFE AND BECAME A SUCCESSFUL  
23    HAIR STYLIST AND OPENED SALONS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA.  
24    IT WAS THEN SHE DECIDED TO WRITE HER LIFE STORY. THE MOST  
25    REMARKABLE EVENT WAS THAT REGINA REUNITED WITH THAT ADOPTIVE





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1 PARENT WHO WAS DENIED THE OPTION TO ADOPT HER SO LONG AGO. AND  
2 IN NOVEMBER 2003 IN THE SAME COURTHOUSE WHERE THE REQUEST WAS  
3 DENIED YEARS BACK, SHE WAS OFFICIALLY ADOPTED BY HER ADOPTIVE  
4 MOTHER. SHE'S NOW A MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, AND HER GOAL IS TO  
5 SHARE WITH PEOPLE IN EVERY STATE IN THE NATION A POWERFUL  
6 MESSAGE ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHILDREN FINDING LIFE-LONG  
7 CONNECTIONS TO CARING ADULTS. IT WAS A GREAT HONOR THAT I  
8 PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO REGINA LOUISE FOR HER COMMITMENT AND  
9 VISION TO EMPOWER THOSE IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM BY SHARING  
10 HER STORY OF BEING A FOSTER CHILD AND HOW SHE OVERCAME THE  
11 BARRIERS TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL AND POSITIVE ROLE MODEL. SHE  
12 HAS A PLAY AND A PRESENTATION SHE MAKES THAT TOURS. SHE'S A  
13 VERY SUCCESSFUL ACTRESS AS WELL AS WRITER. CONGRATULATIONS TO  
14 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **REGINA LOUISE:** I TRY AND LIVE MY LIFE ACCORDING TO A QUOTE BY  
17 THE GREAT AMERICAN PHILANTHROPIST, HORACE MANN. AND I THINK  
18 THAT EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM DOES THAT, BECAUSE TO BE DEDICATED  
19 TO THE WORK YOU DO, YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT IT AS "BE ASHAMED TO  
20 DIE UNTIL YOU WIN A VICTORY FOR HUMANKIND." AND I BELIEVE THAT  
21 EVERYONE IN HERE IS DEDICATED TO DOING THAT. SO THANK YOU FOR  
22 SHARING THAT VISION WITH ME. [APPLAUSE.] AND THANK YOU ON  
23 BEHALF OF CASEY AND MIRIAM. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU.  
24 [APPLAUSE.]

25



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHE IS GIVING A COPY OF HER BOOK. THANK  
2   YOU. ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES THE PRESENTATIONS. WE START  
3   WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS UP NEXT. YES, SHE SHOULD SIGN  
4   IT, YEAH.

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE A COUPLE OF ADJOURNING  
7   MOTIONS THAT I'D LIKE TO READ IN. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO  
8   ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOSE SIMON, LONG-TIME  
9   PERSONAL FRIEND AND FRIEND OF OUR FAMILY, A PIONEERING LATIN  
10  ROCK MUSICIAN AND FOUNDER OF SAN FRANCISCO'S ANNUAL COMEDY DAY  
11  CELEBRATION IN GOLDEN GATE PARK, WHO RECENTLY DIED OF LUNG  
12  CANCER AT THE AGE OF 63. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, GAIL, AND  
13  HIS TWO CHILDREN, DAVID SIMON AND JOE SIMON. I ASK THAT WE  
14  ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT RAUSCHENBERG, ONE OF THE LEADING  
15  AMERICAN ARTISTS AND MODERNISTS OF THE 20TH CENTURY, WHO  
16  PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82 AT HIS HOME IN FLORIDA. ROBERT  
17  RAUSCHENBERG, MANY OF RAUSCHENBERG'S WORKS ARE ON DISPLAY IN  
18  OUR MUSEUM, THE BROAD CONTEMPORARY ART AND ELSEWHERE. HE HAD A  
19  LONG RELATIONSHIP WITH CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AS A  
20  GIANT OF THE ART FIELD. AND I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN HIS  
21  MEMORY. AND LAST, I WANT TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY  
22  OF JILL SWIFT. I JUST LEARNED THIS MORNING THAT JILL PASSED  
23  AWAY. A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT, ONE OF THE  
24  FOUNDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WILDLIFE COMMITTEE. SHE WAS  
25  INSTRUMENTAL IN THE EFFORTS TO HAVE THE WILDLIFE LAKE



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1 PERMANENTLY SUPPLIED WITH WATER. AND SHE WAS A CHAMPION OF  
2 PROTECTING THE OPEN SPACES AND PASSIVE RECREATION VALUES OF  
3 THE SEPULVEDA BASIN. SHE WAS AN ACTIVIST FOR THE ENVIRONMENT,  
4 PUSHING FOR STATE AND FEDERAL ACQUISITION OF PARK LANDS IN THE  
5 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, AND ESTABLISHING AND LEADING THE  
6 FRIENDS OF CABALLERO CANYON AND MANY OTHER CAUSES. SHE WAS  
7 APPOINTED BY MAYOR TOM BRADLEY TO THE CITY'S RECREATION AND  
8 PARKS COMMISSION, WHERE I GOT TO KNOW HER. SHE WAS ELECTED AS  
9 A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TOPANGA LAS VIRGENES  
10 RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, AND ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT  
11 AND EFFECTIVE ADVOCATES FOR OPEN SPACE ENVIRONMENTAL  
12 PROTECTION. AND I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JILL SWIFT.  
13 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. MADAME CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO  
14 TAKE UP MY GREEN SHEET ITEM, IS IT 62? 62-A? AND ASK THE  
15 REGISTRAR-RECORDER, THE ACTING REGISTRAR-RECORDER TO COME  
16 FORWARD? OKAY. MADAME CHAIR, YOU AND I HAVE COAUTHORED A  
17 MOTION THAT'S ON THE AGENDA. I'M GOING TO HAVE AN AMENDING  
18 MOTION. I THINK YOU'RE ALSO COAUTHORING THAT AS SOON AS THE  
19 REGISTRAR RECORDER IS FINISHED, WHICH PUTS A LITTLE MORE  
20 SPECIFICITY, DIRECTION TO THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER. I WANTED MR.  
21 LOGAN AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL ALSO TO ADDRESS ANY ISSUES THAT  
22 MAY COME UP. AND I'D APPRECIATE IT, I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN A  
23 LOT OF HULLABALOO ABOUT STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO YOU. AND IF  
24 YOU WANT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY IN YOUR PRESENTATION TO  
25 ADDRESS THOSE, TOO, I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL. YOU AND I



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1 HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK PRIVATELY, AND I THINK IT'S  
2 IMPORTANT THAT YOU SAY PUBLICLY WHAT YOU SAID TO ME PRIVATELY.  
3 SO WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO MR. LOGAN.

4

5 **DEAN LOGAN, ACTING REGISTRAR:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK  
6 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPORT TO YOU ON THIS. AS WE ALL  
7 KNOW ON THURSDAY, MAY 15TH, THE CALIFORNIA STATE SUPREME COURT  
8 ISSUED A RULING REVERSING THE BAN ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGES AND  
9 DIRECTING STATE OFFICES AND LOCAL OFFICES TO PREPARE TO  
10 IMPLEMENT THAT DECISION. IN THE ENSUING DAYS FROM THAT  
11 DECISION, THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER HAS LOOKED AT THE DECISION.  
12 WE'VE BEEN IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND WITH YOUR  
13 OFFICES. OUR APPROACH TO THIS PROCESS REALLY HAS THREE  
14 FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES. FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE WANT TO MAKE  
15 SURE THAT WE LEGALLY COMPLY WITH THE COURT'S ORDER WITH REGARD  
16 TO THIS ISSUE. SECONDLY, WE WANT TO BE TIMELY AND ORDERLY IN  
17 OUR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION. AND, FINALLY, OUR THIRD  
18 OBJECTIVE IS TO MAINTAIN THE QUALITY AND EFFECTIVE CUSTOMER  
19 SERVICE THAT IS THE STANDARD THAT WE HAVE FOR ALL SERVICES  
20 PROVIDED AT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER COUNTY CLERK. IN THAT  
21 REGARD, I WANT TO BE UNEQUIVOCALLY CLEAR THAT ALL EMPLOYEES OF  
22 THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER COUNTY CLERK ARE OBLIGATED TO UPHOLD  
23 THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE  
24 CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. AND WE WILL NOT AND WE HAVE  
25 NOT ISSUED ANY POLICIES, NOR WILL I ISSUE ANY DIRECTIVES THAT



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1 WOULD COMPROMISE THAT OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION  
2 OF THE STATE AND OF THE COUNTRY. I ALSO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT  
3 WE HAVE HAD NO ONE ON OUR STAFF RAISE CONCERNS WITH THOSE  
4 ISSUES. OUR STAFF IS BUSY GOING ABOUT THE PROCESS OF PREPARING  
5 TO IMPLEMENT THE COURT'S DECISION IN CONCERT WITH ALL THE  
6 OTHER SERVICES WE PROVIDE. AND WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE  
7 TO DO THAT IN A TIMELY AND EFFICIENT MANNER. SOME OF THE  
8 ISSUES THAT WE'RE ADDRESSING IN THAT REGARD IN TERMS OF TIME  
9 FRAME, OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THIS COURT DECISION WILL TAKE  
10 EFFECT 30 DAYS FROM THE ISSUANCE OF THE DECISION, WHICH WOULD  
11 BE MONDAY, JUNE 16TH, WHICH IS 30 DAYS. SO WE ARE IN THE  
12 PROCESS NOW OF PREPARING TO GET THE FORMS IN ORDER, THE CIVIL  
13 CEREMONY LANGUAGE IN ORDER, TO SUPPORT THE COURT'S DECISION.  
14 THE REGULATORY OVERSIGHT FOR THAT PROCESS REALLY FALLS TO THE  
15 OFFICE OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS, WHICH IS UNDER  
16 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. AND THERE IS A CONFERENCE CALL  
17 SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY AFTERNOON WITH MY COLLEAGUES, THE  
18 COUNTY CLERKS AROUND THE STATE, TO TALK WITH THE OFFICE OF  
19 VITAL RECORDS TO FIND OUT WHAT THEIR TIMELINE IS, WHAT THEIR  
20 PROCESS IS GOING TO BE LIKE. THE MAIN THINGS THERE ARE THE  
21 ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS. WE NEED TO CHANGE THE LICENSING  
22 FORMS, THE CIVIL CEREMONY LANGUAGE, AND THE CERTIFICATE  
23 LANGUAGE SO THAT IT'S NOT GENDER-SPECIFIC IN ORDER TO SUPPORT  
24 THE COURT'S DECISION. AND IT'S OBVIOUSLY GOING TO BE VERY  
25 IMPORTANT THAT THAT BE UNIFORM AND CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT THE



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1 STATE. AND AGAIN, THE STATE OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS IS WORKING  
2 ON THAT. BEYOND THAT, OUR OFFICE IS WORKING WITH ISSUES OF  
3 IMPLEMENTATION. WE EXPECT THAT WHEN THE DECISION GOES INTO  
4 EFFECT ON JUNE 16TH THAT THERE WILL BE AN INITIAL PEAK  
5 OBVIOUSLY IN THE VOLUME OF PEOPLE COMING TO OUR OFFICES BOTH  
6 IN NORWALK AND OUR DISTRICT OFFICES SEEKING MARRIAGE LICENSING  
7 AND CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONIES. AND WE WANT TO BE SURE WE'RE  
8 PREPARED FOR THAT. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE STAFFED UP  
9 FOR THAT, THAT WE ADDRESS FACILITY ISSUES LIKE PARKING AND  
10 SECURITY AND PREPARATION FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF MEDIA DURING  
11 THOSE INITIAL WEEKS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS. AND SO  
12 WE'RE WORKING CLOSELY WITH OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND PEOPLE  
13 IN THE COMMUNITY TO DO THAT. OUR DISTRICT OFFICE IS TYPICALLY  
14 IN NORWALK AT OUR HEADQUARTERS. WE HAVE SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS  
15 FOR CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONIES EACH DAY OF THE WEEK IN OUR  
16 DISTRICT OFFICES. WE TYPICALLY DO THAT ONLY ONE DAY A WEEK,  
17 THAT WOULD BE FRIDAYS IN MOST DISTRICT OFFICES AND THURSDAYS  
18 AT OUR BEVERLY HILLS DISTRICT OFFICE. WE'RE LOOKING AT FOR A  
19 PERIOD OF TIME EXPANDING THAT SO WE CAN HAVE CEREMONIES ON  
20 ADDITIONAL DAYS, POSSIBLY LOOKING AT ADDITIONAL HOURS OR  
21 SCENARIOS THAT WILL HELP US TO ADDRESS THE VOLUME. LIKEWISE,  
22 WE'RE LOOKING AT EXPANDING OUR VOLUNTEER DEPUTY CIVIL MARRIAGE  
23 COMMISSIONER PROGRAM. I'M NOT SURE THAT EVERYBODY REALIZES  
24 THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE CEREMONIES CONDUCTED WITHIN OUR  
25 FACILITIES ARE CONDUCTED BY VOLUNTEERS THROUGH AN INNOVATIVE





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1 PROGRAM THAT'S BEEN IN PLACE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS HERE IN  
2 L.A. COUNTY, WHERE WE HAVE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE BEEN  
3 TRAINED TO, AND VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO COME IN AND CONDUCT  
4 THESE CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONIES. IT'S A GREAT PROGRAM. IT'S A  
5 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY AND MAKES FOR REAL PLEASANT  
6 CEREMONIES FOR THE COUPLES WHO CHOOSE TO GET MARRIED IN OUR  
7 FACILITIES. WE'D LIKE TO EXPAND THAT PROGRAM, AGAIN  
8 RECOGNIZING THE VOLUME, AND WE WANT TO INVITE PEOPLE IN THE  
9 COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS OF HELPING US THROUGH  
10 THAT SPIKE PERIOD. AND FINALLY, I THINK WHAT WILL BE REAL  
11 IMPORTANT, AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS ADDRESSED IN THE  
12 PROPOSED MOTION, IS TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY. RIGHT NOW IT'S  
13 DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WHAT THAT VOLUME IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE.  
14 WE DO KNOW THAT THIS IS THE FIRST DECISION IN THE COUNTRY  
15 WHERE THIS GOES INTO EFFECT WHERE THERE IS NOT A RESIDENCY  
16 REQUIREMENT. SO WE COULD HAVE PEOPLE COMING HERE FROM OUTSIDE  
17 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS WELL AS PEOPLE HERE WITHIN LOS  
18 ANGELES COUNTY. AND WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO  
19 MAINTAIN THE QUALITY OF OUR SERVICES FOR ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS  
20 AND THAT WE DO THAT IN A PROFESSIONAL AND COURTEOUS MANNER. SO  
21 AS WE PUT THAT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TOGETHER, AS WE HAVE MORE  
22 INFORMATION FROM THE STATE OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS AND OUR  
23 SCHEDULING PROCESS, WE WILL DO REGULAR UPDATES ON OUR WEBSITE.  
24 WE WILL PUT OUT REGULAR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESS  
25 RELEASES INFORMING THE PUBLIC OF THAT INFORMATION AND WE WILL



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1 BE PREPARED TO TIMELY AND EFFICIENTLY IMPLEMENT THE COURT'S  
2 DECISION.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I APPRECIATE THAT. AND OUR FIRST -- I  
5 KNOW THIS IS -- WE ALL KNOW IT'S AN ISSUE OF SOME CONTROVERSY.  
6 AND PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW ON THIS. OUR JOB HERE  
7 IS SIMPLY -- AND THE MOTIVE BEHIND THE MOTION IS TO MAKE SURE  
8 THAT THIS PROCESS, IF WE ARE REQUIRED ULTIMATELY TO DO IT, IF  
9 THE COURT DOESN'T SUSPEND THIS IN THE NEXT 25 DAYS, IS THAT  
10 THE COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER'S OFFICE, AND ALL OF ITS  
11 SATELLITE OFFICES, BE PREPARED TO MANAGE WHAT IS LIKELY TO BE  
12 A SURGE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME OF APPLICATIONS FOR  
13 MARRIAGE LICENSES. WE HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY THE CITY OF WEST  
14 HOLLYWOOD, WHICH IS IN MY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. THEY WANT TO  
15 DO A COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH YOU ON THIS. THEY MAY BE  
16 OFFERING SOME SPACE IN THEIR CITY HALL OR SOME MUNICIPAL  
17 FACILITY THERE. AND IT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WOULD WANT  
18 YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT, WHICH MAY FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME  
19 HELP ALLEVIATE PRESSURES ON OTHER FACILITIES THAT YOU HAVE. I  
20 WANT TO JUST REITERATE WHAT YOU SAID, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR  
21 OPENING COMMENTS. WE ALL TAKE AN OATH OF OFFICE TO UPHOLD THE  
22 CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
23 STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
24 AND THE LAWS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THAT'S WHAT  
25 EVERYONE'S EXPECTED TO DO. AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO IN



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1 RESPONSE TO THIS DECISION AS IT NOW STANDS. AND WE'LL DO IT IN  
2 A PROFESSIONAL MANNER, RESPOND TO THE CITIZENRY WHO WILL WANT  
3 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS NEW DECISION. I DON'T THINK IT -- I  
4 THINK WE CAN HANDLE IT. I EXPECT THAT WE WILL HANDLE IT  
5 WITHOUT AN INORDINANT AMOUNT OF DIFFICULTY. THE POLITICS OF  
6 IT, OR THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF IT WILL BE HANDLED ELSEWHERE. I  
7 JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT IS READY. AND I  
8 THINK YOU'VE MOVED QUICKLY TO TRY TO RESPOND. I'M GLAD TO SEE  
9 THAT HAPPEN. I WANT TO JUST READ A MOTION IN AS AN AMENDMENT.  
10 MISS BURKE AND I ARE JOINTLY PRESENTING THIS AND IT REALLY  
11 PIGGY BACKS ON YOUR REMARKS. I WANT TO MOVE THAT ITEM 62-A ON  
12 TODAY'S AGENDA REGARDING THE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE LICENSES BE  
13 AMENDED TO INSTRUCT THE ACTING REGISTRAR-RECORDER AND COUNTY  
14 CLERK TO, ONE, CONVENE A COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL COMPOSED OF  
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITIES FROM ALL  
16 PARTS OF THE COUNTY. THE PURPOSE OF THE PANEL WOULD BE TO  
17 FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF USEFUL AND TIMELY INFORMATION  
18 BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE COMMUNITY AND TO ENSURE THAT THE  
19 CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT RULING IS IMPLEMENTED IN LOS ANGELES  
20 COUNTY WITH ALL APPROPRIATE SPEED, DIGNITY, AND RESPECT. AND I  
21 JUST STOP FOR A SECOND. YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE AN OFFICIAL  
22 PANEL OR COMMISSION. I WANT YOU TO JUST BRING TOGETHER A GROUP  
23 OF PEOPLE, AND ALL OF US CAN HELP YOU IDENTIFY SOME OF THOSE  
24 AND THE COMMUNITY PEOPLE CAN, SO THAT YOU JUST HAVE SOME INPUT  
25 FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. WE DON'T WANT TO



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1 CREATE A NEW BUREAUCRATIC INFRASTRUCTURE FOR YOU HERE. TWO,  
2 CONSIDER OPENING SATELLITE OFFICES FOR ISSUANCE OF MARRIAGE  
3 LICENSES AND CONDUCT OF MARRIAGE CEREMONIES IN APPROPRIATE  
4 LOCATIONS INCLUDING THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD BUT NOT LIMITED  
5 THERE, THERE WILL BE OTHER AREAS, I'M SURE, WHICH HAS ASKED  
6 THAT AN OFFICE BE OPENED WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES IN ORDER TO  
7 FACILITATE A LARGE DEMAND FOR MONTHS FOLLOWING THE  
8 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RULING. THREE, DEVISE APPROPRIATE  
9 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, AND  
10 TENURE OF VOLUNTEER DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS OF CIVIL MARRIAGE  
11 DURING THE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
12 THE RULING. AND FINALLY, WORK WITH THE SHERIFF AND THE OFFICE  
13 OF PUBLIC SAFETY AS APPROPRIATE TO ENSURE THAT THE SECURITY IS  
14 PROVIDED AT REGISTRAR-RECORDER COUNTY CLERK LOCATIONS, ISSUING  
15 MARRIAGE LICENSES AND/OR CONDUCTING MARRIAGE CEREMONIES WHEN  
16 NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THE PRIVACY AND DIGNITY OF THE MARRIAGE  
17 CEREMONIES, AND TO SAFEGUARD PARTICIPANTS, COUNTY EMPLOYEES,  
18 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT LARGE. MISS BURKE?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SECOND IT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE --

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TURN YOUR MIC ON.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M ON. WE HAVE FACILITIES AT FLORENCE-  
25 FIRESTONE THAT HAVE THE ABILITY TO ISSUE LICENSES ALREADY. WE



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1 ALSO HAVE AT THE AIRPORT, AT THE AIRPORT COURTHOUSE, THERE IS  
2 A FACILITY THERE. IF THERE IS A NEED, WE WILL CERTAINLY BE IN  
3 TOUCH WITH YOU. I THINK THAT IN OUR AREA, THAT WE ARE COVERED  
4 WITH FACILITIES. ONE OF THE THINGS I THINK MANY PEOPLE DON'T  
5 REALIZE, THAT ANYONE WHO WANTS A PARTICULAR PERSON TO PERFORM  
6 A MARRIAGE CEREMONY CAN BE DEPUTIZED BY YOUR OFFICE. AND YOU  
7 SIMPLY GIVE THEM A CERTIFICATE THAT THEY ARE DEPUTIZED. I KNOW  
8 I HAVE PERFORMED CEREMONIES FOR VARIOUS MEMBERS OF MY STAFF  
9 AND OTHER PEOPLE THAT I'VE BEEN REQUESTED. I JUST GET  
10 DEPUTIZED FOR ONE DAY.

11

12 **DEAN LOGAN:** CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE  
15 INTERESTED IN GETTING MARRIED, AND THEY WANT A PARTICULAR  
16 PERSON TO MARRY THEM, THEY DO HAVE THE ABILITY WHEN THEY GET  
17 THEIR LICENSE TO ALSO ASK FOR THAT PERSON TO BE MADE A DEPUTY  
18 TO MARRY THEM ON THAT PARTICULAR DAY. SO THERE SHOULD NOT BE A  
19 FLOOD. BUT I'M SURE THAT THERE WILL BE VOLUNTEERS, AND MANY  
20 VOLUNTEERS, WHO COME FORWARD WHO BECOME DEPUTIES ON A LONGER  
21 PERIOD OF TIME, PART OF YOUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM. SO THE  
22 VOLUNTEER PROGRAM CERTAINLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE. I HAVE TO AT  
23 LEAST MENTION THAT I DID GET A LETTER FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY.  
24 I THINK THAT THIS EXPLAINS IT ALL. I THINK THAT HE  
25 MISINTERPRETED SOMETHING THAT WAS TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT IN SOME



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1 ARTICLE. BUT CERTAINLY I WILL RESPOND TO HIM OR I'LL ASK THE  
2 COUNTY COUNSEL TO RESPOND TO HIM. BUT I THINK THAT HE JUST  
3 MISUNDERSTOOD SOMETHING. BUT BECAUSE YOUR INTENTION WAS ALWAYS  
4 TO SAY THAT WE WOULD COMPLY WITH THE LAW. AND I KNOW THAT YOU  
5 HAVE EXPLAINED TO ME THAT AS MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF, AND THERE  
6 AREN'T THAT MANY WHO REALLY PERFORM CEREMONIES. MY  
7 UNDERSTANDING IS VERY FEW COUNTY EMPLOYEES ACTUALLY PERFORM  
8 THE MARRIAGE CEREMONIES. BUT IF THEY ARE, THAT THEY WILL BE  
9 COMPLYING WITH ALL OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

10

11 **DEAN LOGAN:** CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION IS: THE REPORT BACK ALSO OUGHT  
16 TO INCLUDE IF THE PASSAGE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IN  
17 NOVEMBER TO OVERTURN THIS DECISION IS PASSED, WHAT IS THE  
18 STATUS, THE IMPACT OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE MARRIED  
19 BETWEEN NOW AND THE NOVEMBER ELECTION?

20

21 **DEAN LOGAN:** I THINK I CAN SPEAK TO THE FACT OF THAT INITIATIVE  
22 PETITION IS CURRENTLY IN THE SIGNATURE VERIFICATION PROCESS.  
23 IT HAS NOT BEEN QUALIFIED FOR THE BALLOT YET. I THINK THAT  
24 WILL BE DONE IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. I THINK COUNTY COUNSEL





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1 PROBABLY CAN SPEAK MORE TO THE IMPACT OF THE PASSAGE OF THAT  
2 ISSUE IF IT DOES QUALIFY FOR THE BALLOT.

3

4 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I  
5 THINK IT WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL JUDICIAL RULING ON  
6 THE IMPACT OF THE PASSAGE, ASSUMING PASSAGE OF THE INITIATIVE  
7 IF IT GETS ON THE BALLOT. AS TO THE STATUS OF MARRIAGES  
8 PERFORMED, IT WOULD BE SPECULATION TO SAY IT, BUT I WILL SAY  
9 IT. IT WOULD SEEM UNLIKELY THAT THE COURT SHOULD GIVE  
10 RETROACTIVE EFFECT TO THE PASSAGE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL  
11 AMENDMENT. BUT IT WOULD TAKE A COURT, I THINK, ULTIMATELY TO  
12 RULE ON.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE COURT WOULD HAVE TO RULE ON THOSE  
15 PEOPLE THAT WOULD HAVE SUCH A CEREMONY PERFORMED PRIOR TO THE  
16 NOVEMBER ELECTION?

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18 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** BETWEEN JUNE AND NOVEMBER.

19

20 **DEAN LOGAN:** CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING A STAY  
23 ISSUED UNTIL THE ELECTION OF THE RULING? I THINK THE RULING  
24 TAKES 30 DAYS TO BE IMPLEMENTED? THERE'S A TIME FRAME? AND



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1 WHAT IS THE ABILITY OF HAVING A STAY BETWEEN THOSE COUPLE  
2 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER?

3

4 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** IT IS POSSIBLE TO ASK THE COURT FOR A  
5 STAY. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS ANY FORMAL ACTION TO DO THAT AT  
6 THE PRESENT TIME. IT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE PRIOR TO JUNE 15TH,  
7 WHEN THE DECISION BECOMES FINAL.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DO THEY MAKE THAT REQUEST BEFORE THE  
10 STATE SUPREME COURT OR THE U.S. SUPREME COURT?

11

12 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** IT WOULD BE BEFORE THE STATE SUPREME  
13 COURT. THERE BEING NO FEDERAL ISSUES INVOLVED IN THIS RULING  
14 IN THE WAY THE CASE WAS STRUCTURED AND DECIDED. IT WOULD BE  
15 THE STATE SUPREME COURT ITSELF THAT WOULD HAVE TO ISSUE ANY  
16 STAY.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'RE LOOKING AT A FORMULATION COMING  
19 DOWN SOMETIME IN JUNE AND THEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT JULY, AUGUST,  
20 SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, FOUR MONTHS UNTIL THAT ELECTION. BECAUSE  
21 IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PROPONENTS OF THE MARRIAGE  
22 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT HAVE PUT IN A QUARTER OF A MILLION  
23 MORE SIGNATURES THAN NECESSARY FOR QUALIFICATION. WHAT IS THE  
24 VOTE TO BE REQUIRED? IS IT A MAJORITY VOTE OR TWO-THIRDS VOTE  
25 BY THE STATE?



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2 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** IT WOULD BE A SIMPLE MAJORITY. IF THE  
3 ISSUE QUALIFIES FOR THE BALLOT, IT WOULD BE A SIMPLE MAJORITY.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A SIMPLE MAJORITY FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL  
6 AMENDMENT. ON THE REPORT BACK THAT IS PART OF THAT MOTION  
7 OUGHT TO INCLUDE WHAT HAPPENS BETWEEN THOSE PEOPLE WHO WOULD  
8 RECEIVE SUCH A LICENSE WITH THE CEREMONY BEING PERFORMED AND  
9 PRIOR TO THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER IF IT WAS SUCCESSFUL AND  
10 THAT THE MAJORITY VOTE DID APPROVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL  
11 AMENDMENT FORBIDDING SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT. WE HAVE TO HAVE IN  
12 THE REPORT BACK WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE PEOPLE IF THE DECISION  
13 WAS MADE IN NOVEMBER THAT IT PASSED BETWEEN THOSE PEOPLE WHO  
14 GOT MARRIED BETWEEN JUNE AND --

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, WOULD YOU WANT HIM TO REPORT AFTER  
17 THE 15TH? I WOULD ASSUME YOU WANT HIM TO REPORT AFTER THE 15TH  
18 BECAUSE AT THAT POINT YOU'LL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT IT  
19 BECOMES FINAL.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** REPORT WHAT BACK?

24



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ACTUALLY SHOULD BE TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL. I  
2   DON'T THINK THAT HE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO DO IT. IT WOULD  
3   BE THE COUNTY COUNSEL WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT IT.

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT THE STATUS OF ANYBODY WHO GOT MARRIED  
6   BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER, IF THERE SHOULD BE A CONSTITUTIONAL  
7   AMENDMENT THAT REVERSES THIS DECISION. I THINK THE COUNTY  
8   COUNSEL HAS SUGGESTED WHAT HE THINKS MIGHT HAPPEN BUT HE CAN'T  
9   BE SURE. IT WOULD BE A COURT DETERMINATION. YOU MAY NOT KNOW  
10   IT UNTIL AFTER NOVEMBER.

11

12   **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT. BUT WE WILL BE --

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OBVIOUSLY THAT'S A FAIR QUESTION EVERYBODY  
15   WOULD WANT TO KNOW.

16

17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD ASSUME IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT HE  
18   SAYS THAT UNLESS THERE IS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS BETWEEN NOW  
19   AND JUNE 15TH, THAT IT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE. BUT I WOULD SAY WE  
20   WOULD PROBABLY WAIT UNTIL AFTER JUNE 15TH TO REPORT BACK. BUT  
21   THE COUNTY COUNSEL, IT APPEARS, IS THE ONE WHO SHOULD REPORT  
22   BACK. I DON'T KNOW THAT THE REGISTRAR WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE  
23   THAT KIND OF A LEGAL OPINION.

24

25   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EVERYBODY AGREES ON COUNTY COUNSEL.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND UNDER THIS RULING AS WELL, THOUGH, IT'S MY  
3 UNDERSTANDING THAT ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN MARRIED ANYWHERE ELSE  
4 AND THEY'RE A SAME SEX MARRIAGE WOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED. THEY  
5 DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS AGAIN HERE IN ORDER TO BE  
6 RECOGNIZED AS A MARRIAGE IN CALIFORNIA, IS THAT CORRECT?

7

8 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** MADAME CHAIR, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I THINK  
9 WE WOULD WANT TO LOOK AT THE ISSUE, THE RECOGNITION OF OUT OF  
10 STATE MARRIAGES. I THINK MASSACHUSETTS IS THE ONLY -- I'M  
11 GOING TO LOOK AT JUDY WHITEHURST -- THE ONLY STATE WHICH SAME  
12 SEX MARRIAGES ARE PERFORMED. I WOULD LIKE TO REPORT, INCLUDE  
13 THAT IN A REPORT BACK AS TO THE RECOGNITION OF THOSE MARRIAGES  
14 IN CALIFORNIA BASED ON THIS DECISION.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAD PREVIOUSLY ASKED IF THE COUNTY COUNSEL  
17 HAD ANYTHING TO REPORT. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING BEYOND WHAT  
18 YOU'VE ALREADY SAID THAT WANTED TO SPEAK TO ON THIS WHOLE  
19 ISSUE? GENERICALLY OR HAVE YOU ADDRESSED IT?

20

21 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** NO. I DON'T THINK SO. THE CONSTITUTIONAL  
22 ISSUE HAS BEEN STATED BOTH BY THE REGISTRAR, AND HE WAS  
23 ACCURATE IN SAYING THE RESULT OF THE RULING. AND SO WE WOULD  
24 JUST INCLUDE THESE FURTHER DETAILS IN OUR REPORT.

25



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE WAS ACTUALLY A LOT CLEARER THAN THE  
2   LAWYERS USUALLY ARE. [LAUGHTER.]

3

4   **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** I THINK WE UNDERSTAND THAT. WE LIKE TO  
5   KEEP IT THAT WAY.

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE DIDN'T GO THREE YEARS TO LAW SCHOOL TO  
8   LEARN HOW TO OBFUSCATE. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, RAY.

9

10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK HE DID GO TO LAW SCHOOL.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD MOVE APPROVAL OF THE ITEM AS  
13   AMENDED, INCLUDING MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION.

14

15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR -- AS  
16   AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT INCLUDES OUR AMENDMENT. ALL AMENDMENTS.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION AS  
21   AMENDED AND ALSO AS AMENDED WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S  
22   MOTION.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE WERE NO PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO BE HEARD  
2   ON THAT? GREAT. OKAY. MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD ASK ITEM NUMBER 1  
3   BE TAKEN UP. I THINK YOU HAD A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC?

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT NUMBER?

6

7   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU MAY WANT TO CALL --

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9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU TELL ME.

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11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARNOLD SACHS AND MARC STERN. WHEN ARNOLD  
12   SACHS COMES UP, HE MAY WANT TO BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS ITEMS  
13   38, 39, AND 52. WOULD MR. STERN PLEASE COME FORWARD? MARC  
14   STERN? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

15

16   **MARC STERN:** HI, MY NAME'S MARC STERN. I'VE TESTIFIED BEFORE  
17   YOUR COMMITTEES ON HEALTHCARE AND VARIOUS OTHER THINGS ON  
18   DISABILITY FOR PEOPLE. I HAVE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES THAT I  
19   HAVE REPEATEDLY BEEN VICTIMIZED BY CRIMINALS THAT HAVE FAILED  
20   TO BE PROSECUTED BECAUSE OF THE -- BECAUSE OF POLICE'S --  
21   POLICE NONTRAINING OR INEFFECTIVE TRAINING TO ALLOW PEOPLE  
22   WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES EQUAL -- JUST LIKE A MARRIAGE. THE  
23   CHIEF JUSTICE CAME AND WHAT WAS IT? AND HE DECIDED FOR  
24   EQUALITY. YET PEOPLE WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES ARE GIVEN NO  
25   EQUALITY, BOTH IN PARK -- YOU KNOW, LAW ENFORCEMENT DOESN'T



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1 UNDERSTAND. THEY EITHER TOW MY CAR AWAY OR GIVE ME A MASSIVE  
2 TICKET EVEN THOUGH I HAVE DISABLED LICENSE PLATES. I WAS GIVEN  
3 A DISABLED LICENSE PLATE BECAUSE OF MY WORKING MEMORY AND  
4 SHORT-TERM MEMORY DIFFICULTIES. BUT WHEN I HAVE TO GO AND  
5 FIGHT EVERY TICKET AND THE D.M.V. HAS THIS THING THAT THEY TAG  
6 YOU AND THEY MAKE YOU A CRIMINAL BECAUSE -- I DON'T EVEN HAVE  
7 ACCESS TO THE COURTS. THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF LOS ANGELES HAS A  
8 MISSION STATEMENT THAT THEY HAVE FAILED TO -- EVERY SINGLE  
9 FAIRNESS, ACCESSIBILITY, INTEGRITY, AND RESPONSIBILITY AND  
10 RESPONSIVENESS HAVE FAILED TO PROVIDE. I WOULD LIKE TO BE ON A  
11 BOARD FOR DISABILITY BECAUSE THERE IS NO -- I'VE BEEN AT THIS  
12 SINCE 1985 WHEN I BECAME A VICTIM OF A VIOLENT CRIME AND HAVE  
13 NOT BEEN ACCEPTED, OR THE THINGS THAT I SPEAK ABOUT, I HAVE MY  
14 MASTER'S DEGREE FROM U.C. SANTA BARBARA. I TAUGHT FINE ARTS AT  
15 U.C. SANTA BARBARA, U.C.L.A. IN THE '70S. YET I'M TREATED WITH  
16 LESS RESPECT THAN AN ILLEGAL ALIEN WHO IS GIVEN ACCOMMODATIONS  
17 IN THE COURT BY HAVING LANGUAGE GIVEN THEM, INTERPRETERS,  
18 WHILE I ASK FOR A NEURO-PSYCHOLOGIST OR A NEURO-PSYCHIATRIST  
19 TO FACILITATE MY LANGUAGE BECAUSE OF MY INABILITY TO FOCUS ON  
20 THE PROBLEMS AND HAVE FOUND IT, WHAT WOULD YOU CALL IT?  
21 IMPOSSIBLE TO GET ANY CIVIL RIGHTS. AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF  
22 LOS ANGELES HAS FAILED TO ABIDE BY DEPARTMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT  
23 OF JUSTICE'S REFERENDUM ON ALL THE CITIES AND COUNTIES TO  
24 PROVIDE ACCESS. THEY HAVE NOT PROVIDED ACCESS. AND TIME AND



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1 TIME AGAIN HAS SHOWN FAILURE. I APPRECIATE TIME. I WOULD LIKE  
2 TO SPEAK LATER ON IN A FULL MODE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. SACHS?

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK  
7 YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE SPEAKING ABOUT THE APPOINTMENT FOR THE  
8 COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES, AND HOPEFULLY THIS APPOINTEE, AT  
9 LEAST TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, WILL TAKE THE TIME TO LOOK  
10 INTO THE LOOPHOLES THAT ARE IN THE ACCESS SERVICES  
11 INCORPORATED AND/OR ACCESS SERVICES PROGRAM THAT PROVIDE THE  
12 TRANSIT SERVICES FOR NON-AMBULATORY PERSONNEL OR PEOPLE THAT  
13 ALLOW THEM TO -- THESE TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES ARE ALLOWED TO  
14 BID ON CONTRACTS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES THEY HAVE  
15 AVAILABLE AND ARE AWARDED CONTRACTS THROUGH THE SAFETY-LU  
16 PROGRAM OR ANY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN  
17 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PROGRAMS THAT DEAL WITH PROVIDING  
18 SERVICES FOR ACCESS. THEY WERE AWARDED THE PROGRAM. YET THEY  
19 DON'T FOLLOW THROUGH AND HAVE THE LICENSED PERSONNEL, IN THIS  
20 CASE DRIVERS, WHO ARE ACCESS CERTIFIED THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE  
21 TO OPERATE ACCESS CERTIFIED VEHICLES. THE VEHICLES MAY BE  
22 CERTIFIED, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THEY DON'T DRIVE THEMSELVES.  
23 THEY NEED A DRIVER. AND IN ORDER FOR THE COMPANY TO SEND CALLS  
24 TO THAT VEHICLE, THE DRIVER ALSO NEEDS TO BE CERTIFIED. THAT'S  
25 THE WAY THE SYSTEM IS OPERATING TODAY. SO THAT CREATES A



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1 LARGE, HUGE, TREMENDOUS LOOPHOLE. AND THE PEOPLE THAT SUFFER  
2 ARE YOUR ELDERLY, YOUR VETERANS, YOUR INVALIDS THAT NEED  
3 ACCESS SERVICES BUT DON'T NECESSARILY FIND THEMSELVES IN A  
4 WHEELCHAIR SO THAT THEY REQUEST -- THAT THEY REQUIRE A  
5 COMPANY-OWNED VEHICLE. THEY MAY GET A COMPANY-LEASED VEHICLE  
6 THAT'S DRIVEN BY A NONCERTIFIED ACCESS DRIVER. THEN THEY WON'T  
7 GET THE VEHICLE. PEOPLE WAIT. THEY'RE PUT ON HOLD. IF THEY  
8 COMPLAIN TOO MANY TIMES ABOUT MISSED APPOINTMENTS, THEN THEY  
9 CAN BE DROPPED FROM THE SERVICES. SO THEY ARE JUST VICTIMIZED  
10 TWO TIMES: ONE BY THE COMPANY SUPPOSEDLY PROVIDING THE SERVICE  
11 AND THE SECOND BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION,  
12 MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, WHO AUTHORIZES THESE  
13 CONTRACTS YET DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO FOLLOW-UP ON AND  
14 REFUSES TO FOLLOW-UP ON ANY OF THE COMPLAINTS THAT ARE  
15 LEGITIMATE IN REGARDS TO HAVING THE DRIVERS CERTIFIED TO  
16 CERTIFIED VEHICLES. SO MAYBE THIS PERSON WHO WORKS ON THE  
17 DISABILITY COMMISSION WILL LOOK INTO IT. BECAUSE THIS IS NOT  
18 THE FIRST APPOINTMENT TO THE DISABILITY COMMISSION. THIS IS  
19 NOT THE FIRST TIME I'VE ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL ON THIS. MAYBE  
20 SOMEBODY WILL ACT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR ANSWERS.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO CALL UP ANOTHER  
23 ONE OF YOUR ITEMS. ARE YOU MOVING ITEM 1?

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WILL MOVE ITEM NUMBER 1.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
3 SO ORDERED. DO YOU MIND CALLING UP ITEMS 38, 39 AND 52?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I DON'T MIND AT ALL.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THAT'S NICE OF YOU, THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS ON 38?

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11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 38 IS A SUBSIDY, A TRANSIT PASS SUBSIDY. AND TO  
12 BE HONEST WITH YOU, I FIND IT REALLY LUDICROUS THAT ANY ITEMS  
13 REGARDING TRANSIT SUBSIDIES WOULD FIND THEIR WAY ONTO THE  
14 CONSENT CALENDAR, ESPECIALLY IN THE WAY YOU REACTED TO THE  
15 SUBSIDIZING OF YOUR CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITIES. AND THE FACT  
16 THAT WE MENTIONED THAT IT WAS VOTED ON. SO THAT WOULD BE  
17 CURIOUS TO FIND OUT JUST EXACTLY HOW YOU VOTED ON THE GOLD  
18 LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, THE FORMATION OF THE GOLD LINE  
19 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY AND THE FORMATION OF THE FOOTHILL, THE  
20 GOLD LINE-FOOTHILL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. AND BASED ON THE  
21 FACT THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE ENACTED THE LAW OR THE  
22 COMMITTEE FOR THE BLUE LINE. THE BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION  
23 AUTHORITY, WHICH WAS THEN CHANGED TO THE GOLD LINE. AND IT WAS  
24 A REDUNDANT ORDER CREATING THE OTHER TWO AUTHORITIES. YET IT  
25 WAS VOTED ON. IT WOULD BE VERY INTERESTING TO FIND OUT FOR THE



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1 PUBLIC HOW YOU VOTED ON THOSE ON THOSE AUTHORITIES. WHICH  
2 BRINGS ME BACK TO THE POINT THAT YOU'RE VOTING TO SUBSIDIZE  
3 ANYTHING TRANSIT-WISE WHEN YOU DON'T HANDLE THE LITTLE STUFF  
4 LIKE THAT. OR YOU LET THAT SLIDE THROUGH. YOU'RE JUST BEING SO  
5 SELF-SERVING, IT'S MIND BOGGLING.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
8 YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 39.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 39 PERTAINS TO METRO LINK. AND SINCE THE  
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY, THE LEGALLY  
12 RECOGNIZED BODY BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE OF CALIFORNIA, ENDED  
13 THE SUBSIDY WITH L.A.D.O.T. FOR THE DASH AND THE DASH  
14 TRANSPORTATION, I'M CURIOUS TO FIND OUT IF THE L.A.C.M.T.A.  
15 BOARD, WHICH YOU ALL SIT ON, WILL CONSIDER ENDING THE SUBSIDY  
16 THAT'S GIVEN TO METRO LINK THAT ALLOWS METRO LINK PASSENGERS  
17 TO RIDE ON DASH AND M.T.A. BUSES ONCE THEY GET OFF THE TRAIN  
18 USING THEIR PASS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR ANSWERS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY  
21 YAROSLAVSKY; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 52?

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** MADAME CHAIR, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I MISSED IT,  
24 BUT I WOULD JUST AS SOON HAVE SPOKEN ON ITEM 2. AND I PUT IN  
25 52 RELATED TO THAT ITEM. SO IF I COULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO





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1 SPEAK ON ITEM 2 WHEN YOU BRING THAT UP, YOU CAN JUST PASS THIS  
2 ITEM. OR I WOULD JUST ASK QUESTIONS --

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANTED TO ADDRESS ITEM 2?

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT'S EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER. I DON'T KNOW IF  
7 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ON THAT, THOUGH, FIRST.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID SOMEONE ELSE HOLD 2? YOU CAN SPEAK ON  
10 IT. WOULD YOU TAKE UP 52 NOW AND THEN WE'LL ASK YOU TO SPEAK  
11 ON 2?

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL, I'M GOING TO SAY THE SAME THING.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T YOU SAY IT NOW. ALL RIGHT.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OKAY. MY QUESTION ON NUMBER 2 IS THAT I AM VERY  
18 CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO  
19 REGARDING THE TRAINING FACILITY OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.  
20 AND THE FACT THAT LAST YEAR THEY WERE TOURED BY A BODY AND  
21 THEY WERE WRITTEN UP FOR SEVERAL DEFICIENCIES. AND THEY WERE  
22 WELCOMED BACK AGAIN FOR A SECONDARY REVIEW, AND THEY WERE  
23 FOUND TO BE FLUNKING IN THE SAME DEFICIENCIES AND IN  
24 ADDITIONAL AREAS. AND THIS IS EERILY SIMILAR TO M.L.K., WHERE  
25 REVIEW AFTER REVIEW AFTER REVIEW WAS BROUGHT ABOUT AND THE



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1 HOSPITAL WAS, HAD A FOOTPRINT, IT HAD FEET PRINTS, IT HAD  
2 FINGERPRINTS. I KNOW IT SOUNDS REDUNDANT. BUT MAYBE YOU COULD  
3 GET NAVIGANT TO COME IN TO HELP YOU ORGANIZE THE SHERIFF'S  
4 DEPARTMENT. OR MAYBE YOU CAN TAKE OVER THE SHERIFF'S  
5 DEPARTMENT IF THEY FLUNK AGAIN ON THESE INSPECTIONS. BUT TO BE  
6 CALLED IN AND TO BE REVIEWED TO FIND AREAS THAT ARE LACKING  
7 AND THEN HAVE THE PEOPLE COME BACK AGAIN AND FIND THE AREAS  
8 LACKING AGAIN DOESN'T SIT WELL FOR THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
9 SUPERVISORS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THAT'S GOING FOR 2, AS WELL,  
12 RIGHT?

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THAT WOULD BE NO. 2, TOO.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND MR. STERN HAS LIFTED HIS HOLD ON 2. ON  
17 52, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY; WITHOUT  
18 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON ITEM 2 --

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** MADAME CHAIR, I PUT IN A CARD ON 44, ALSO, I  
21 BELIEVE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL CALL THAT IN A MINUTE. ON NUMBER 2,  
24 MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT



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1 OBJECTION, ITEM 2 IS CALLED. NOW, SUPERVISOR, THERE ARE OTHER  
2 PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SPEAK ON 44. WE'LL CALL YOU BACK FOR THAT.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND  
5 ANSWERS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOLD ON JUST A SECOND. HE'LL CALL 44 AND  
8 WE'LL HAVE EVERYBODY. I'M SORRY. THANK YOU. THERE ARE SOME  
9 OTHER PEOPLE WHO ASKED TO SPEAK. WE'D LIKE TO ASK MR. STERN  
10 AGAIN. MR. STERN, DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT THAT, TOO? OR  
11 WAS HE CONFUSED? THAT'S 44. IT'S ON PARKING PASS. ON 44? DO  
12 YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON 44? MR. SACHS, WHY DON'T YOU START ON 44  
13 AND THEN HE CAN DETERMINE IF HE WANTS TO SPEAK ON 44.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM 44 REFERS TO ADEQUATE  
16 PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
17 COMMUNITIES. I KNOW PEOPLE HAVE COME UP BEFORE YOU ALSO  
18 REGARDING DISABLED PERSON PARKING AND I'M REFERRING TO SIGNAGE  
19 AT MAJOR VENUES WHERE PEOPLE ARE NEEDING PICKUP POINTS FOR  
20 ACCESS SERVICES TO PICK THEM UP, WHETHER THEY'RE IN  
21 WHEELCHAIRS AND THE DRIVERS AND THE PASSENGERS HAVE A  
22 DIFFICULT TIME LOCATING EACH OTHER BECAUSE OF THE MULTIPLE  
23 ENTRANCES AND EXITS. AND BASED ON THAT, I WAS WONDERING IF  
24 THIS RECOMMENDATION WOULD INCLUDE ANY KIND OF SIGNAGE TO BE  
25 PUT UP IN OR AT VENUES WITH MULTIPLE AREAS OF EXITS AND



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1 ENTRANCES THAT WILL ALLOW FOR A BETTER COORDINATION BETWEEN  
2 PASSENGERS WHO HAVE DISABILITIES AND THE TRANSPORTATION  
3 SERVICES THAT ARE USED TO CARRY THEM TO AND FROM THESE AREAS.  
4 IF THAT WOULD BE INCLUDED OR COULD LOOK INTO AS ADDED AS A  
5 RECOMMENDATION FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME  
6 AND YOUR ANSWERS.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. STERN?

9

10 **MARC STERN:** OKAY. THERE SHOULD BE PROBLEMS WITH PEOPLE -- LIKE  
11 ON THE PLACARD, I DON'T HAVE A PLACARD BUT I HAVE A LICENSE  
12 PLATE WITH A WHEELCHAIR. MY BRAIN'S IN A WHEELCHAIR,  
13 BASICALLY. PEOPLE UNDERSTAND -- OR YOU'RE MOBILE BECAUSE YOU  
14 COULD ROLL DOWN THE ROAD. WELL, I HAVE SPINAL INJURIES ALSO  
15 AND BRAIN INJURIES. I NEED TO HAVE IMMEDIATE ACCESS. THAT'S  
16 WHY I WAS ISSUED A DISABILITY LICENSE PLATE. THE POLICE FORCE  
17 ARE NOT TRAINED TO UNDERSTAND PEOPLE WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES.  
18 THEY ARE NOT TRAINED TO UNDERSTAND PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT IN  
19 WHEELCHAIRS. THEY INHERENTLY THINK OF A DISABLED PERSON EITHER  
20 AS BLIND, DEAF, OR IMMOBILE AND NOT A PERSON WITH MENTAL  
21 DISABILITIES. THERE'S BEEN A CONSISTENT LACK OF TRAINING WITH  
22 PEACE OFFICERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THROUGHOUT THE STATE  
23 OF CALIFORNIA IN HELPING PEOPLE WITH COGNITIVE ISSUES TO  
24 ESTABLISH ACCESS TO JUSTICE. I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET  
25 ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE COURTS JUST TO TALK ABOUT THESE TICKETS



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1 AND THINGS, AND THEY ARE SAYING IT'S A FINANCIAL BURDEN ON THE  
2 COURT TO PROVIDE ME ACCESS WITH A FACILITATOR THAT COULD HELP  
3 ME IN THE COURTROOM ORGANIZE MYSELF BECAUSE OF MY COGNITIVE  
4 ISSUES. I BROUGHT A JIGSAW PUZZLE THAT ILLUSTRATES THE  
5 DIFFICULTIES. I HAVE A 1,000 PIECE JIGSAW PUZZLE OVER THERE  
6 THAT COULD ILLUSTRATE THE PROBLEM I HAVE AND PEOPLE LIKE  
7 MYSELF HAVE WITH CONVEYING THE ESSENCE OF THE PROBLEM. BUT I  
8 DON'T KNOW. I HAVE MY MASTER'S DEGREE. I'VE TAUGHT COLLEGE.  
9 I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET ON THE BOARD FOR DISABILITY  
10 REPRESENTATION AND THERE HAS YET TO BE ANYONE WITH MENTAL  
11 DISABILITY FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS, 24 YEARS AT LEAST. AND I  
12 WOULD LOVE TO BE NOMINATED OR SUGGESTED. I HAVE FULL  
13 CREDENTIALS AND WOULD LIKE THAT TO BE A CONSIDERATION. AND I  
14 WOULD ALSO -- I HAVE BEEN OVER AT THE HOLOCAUST PLACE IN WEST  
15 L.A. WHERE THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT HATE, HATE CRIMES. POLICE  
16 OFFICERS HAVE NO UNDERSTANDING OF HATE CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE  
17 WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES. AND I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO REINFORCE  
18 THIS, THEY HAVE A PROGRAM OVER AT SIMON WIESENTHAL MUSEUM FOR  
19 POLICE EDUCATION, BUT THEY HAVE YET TO DO IT FOR MENTAL  
20 DISABILITIES. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,  
23 SECONDED BY MOLINA; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THAT'S ON  
24 ITEM 44. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK I'M DONE.

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3    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENTS.

6    FIRST, A FORMER MAYOR, HE SERVED FOUR TERMS AS A CITY COUNCIL  
7    MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FOUR TIMES SERVED AS MAYOR,  
8    CHARLIE GLIB, WHO PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY AT THE AGE OF 83. HE  
9    WAS A GOOD FRIEND, GOOD SUPPORTER. HE WAS ONE OF MY FIRST  
10    SUPPORTERS WHEN I FIRST RAN FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. HE  
11    LEAVES HIS WIFE RUTH AND HIS FAMILY. BUT CHARLES WAS VERY  
12    INVOLVED IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. HE WAS  
13    THE OWNER OF PROGRESSIVE PRODUCE IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH IS A  
14    WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES,  
15    SPECIALIZING IN ONIONS AND POTATOES TO PRODUCE RETAILERS AND  
16    DISTRIBUTORS ACROSS OUR STATE. THE COMPANY WAS FOUNDED BACK IN  
17    1952, AND CHARLES BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH THEM IN 1958 AND  
18    BECAME THEIR PRESIDENT. I REMEMBER A FEW YEARS AGO, WE HAD  
19    THAT DEPLORABLE CONDITION IN THE PRODUCE MARKET, WELL UNLIKE  
20    THE ONE THAT WAS CITED FOR UNSANITARY CONDITIONS, CHARLES'  
21    OPERATIONS AT THE PROGRESSIVE PRODUCE COMPANY IS A CLASS A,  
22    CLEAN DISTRIBUTOR OF FOOD, QUALITY PRODUCTS IN OUR STATE. HE  
23    WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN THE CITY OF ARCADIA. IN FACT, JUST ABOUT  
24    A YEAR, TWO YEARS AGO, HE WAS HONORED AND HIS FAMILY FOR HIS  
25    COMMITMENT TO ARCADIA METHODIST HOSPITAL, WHICH IS ONE OF THE



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1 MAJOR HOSPITALS SERVING THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. BUT HE WAS A  
2 GOOD MAN, GOOD FRIEND. QUITE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. AND  
3 BIG LOSS. ALSO LIKE TO MOVE IN MEMORY OF SIDNEY VANCE, RETIRED  
4 SERGEANT OF LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE SERVED FOR 24  
5 YEARS. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS AT THE NORWALK STATION. AND HE  
6 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. JUDGE ROBERT YOUNG, WHO WAS A  
7 FORMER CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, AND THEN A LONG TIME MEMBER OF THE  
8 SUPERIOR COURT PASSED AWAY ON MAY 5TH AT THE AGE OF 80.  
9 FRANKLIN HOOVER SIMMONS, WHO SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF THE  
10 FLINTRIDGE PREP, SOUTH PASADENA-SAN MARINO Y.M.C.A. ACTIVE IN  
11 THE MEN'S BUILD OF HIS CHURCH AND THE VALLEY CLUB, PASSED  
12 AWAY. HE WAS A VETERAN OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE, AS CHARLES WAS A  
13 VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS. WYATT SODOM, A  
14 THREE MONTH OLD CHILD WHO DIED OF INFANT DEATH SYNDROME, AND  
15 HE FIRST GRANDCHILD OF LONG-TIME VALLEY RESIDENTS, RICK AND  
16 STACEY WILKERSON. AND HE LEAVES HIS PARENTS, ASHLEY AND SHANE  
17 SODOM. DICK ROSSY WHO WAS A FLYING TIGER PILOT DURING WORLD  
18 WAR II. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
19 BERKELEY. HE ENLISTED IN THE NAVY AND WAS SELECTED FOR FLIGHT  
20 TRAINING. BUT BY 1940, HE RECEIVED HIS WINGS AND WAS A FLIGHT  
21 INSTRUCTOR AT PENSACOLA, FLORIDA. A TOP SECRET ASSIGNMENT WAS  
22 GIVEN TO HIM TO PILOT A PLANE AND SHOOT DOWN ENEMIES. SO IN  
23 1942, HE SERVED IN THE AMERICAN VOLUNTEER GROUP AND THE  
24 CHINESE BEGAN TO CALL THE GROUP THE FLYING TIGERS. SENATOR  
25 BARRY GOLDWATER WAS ALSO A PART OF THOSE FLYING TIGERS. THEY





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1 ARE RECOGNIZED AS HONORED VETERANS. HE RECEIVED TWO  
2 DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSSES, TWO PRESIDENTIAL COMMENDATIONS  
3 AND LATER HE AND TWO OTHER FLYING TIGER PILOTS FOUNDED THE  
4 COMMERCIAL FLIGHT CARRIER FLYING TIGER LINE, AND HE FLEW AS  
5 ONE OF THIS PILOTS FOR THE NEXT 25 YEARS. ELIZABETH ANN BETSY  
6 GRAY PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS THE FIRST WOMAN TO ENTER THE LOS  
7 ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A POLICEWOMAN IN 1961. AND THERE  
8 SHE WAS ASSIGNED TO GEORGIA STREET JUVENILE DIVISION, LINCOLN  
9 HEIGHTS JAIL, METRO COMMUNITY RELATIONS ANALYTICAL, VAN NUYS  
10 JAIL AND FOR 23 YEARS OUT AT RAMPART DIVISION, WHERE SHE  
11 CREATED THE "LADY BEWARE" PROGRAM, WHICH HELPED TEACH WOMEN  
12 HOW TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. SHE OFFERED PROGRAMS TO TARGET YOUTH  
13 KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY AND PROVIDED THEM WITH STRUCTURE AND  
14 DISCIPLINE AND WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE JOB'S DAUGHTERS AND  
15 EASTERN STAR AND DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE. CAROLINE CRANE, WHO  
16 WAS A DEVOTED LIBRARIAN, CITY OF SAN MARINO. SHE WAS THE SAN  
17 MARINO CITY LIBRARIAN. SHE EARNED HER B.A. AT THE CALIFORNIA  
18 STATE UNIVERSITY AT NORTHRIDGE AND HER M.A. FROM THE  
19 UNIVERSITY OF DENVER. SHE FOLLOWED A 34-YEAR CAREER IN LIBRARY  
20 SERVICE AND WAS INVOLVED IN THE RECENT UNVEILING COMPLETION OF  
21 THE SAN MARINO NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY, WHICH WAS REALLY -- SHE WAS  
22 A REAL DRIVING FORCE FOR THAT. AND AFTER THE OPENING OF THE  
23 LIBRARY, AND THEN IN JANUARY, AGAINST MEDICAL ADVICE, SHE WENT  
24 THERE TO GIVE THE OPENING SPEECH. WARREN COWAN, LEGENDARY  
25 HOLLYWOOD PUBLICIST WHO FOUNDED THE FAMED ROGERS & COWAN



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1 PUBLIC RELATIONS. WARREN ALSO HELPED ATTEND THE MEETINGS WHEN  
2 WE HELPED FOUND THE WEST LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL FOR THE  
3 PERFORMING ARTS. AND HE WAS THERE PROVIDING EXPERT INPUT SO  
4 THAT THIS PROGRAM WOULD HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED. AND AS A RESULT  
5 OF THAT, WE HAVE ONE OF THE PREMIER ARTS HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE  
6 NATION. LEONARD COHEN WHO WAS THE COFOUNDER OF NATIONAL  
7 MEDICAL ENTERPRISES PASSED AWAY. MARGARET ELVIRA BOREN, A  
8 MEMBER OF THE MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH IN PASADENA FOR OVER 40  
9 YEARS WHERE SHE ALSO TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PARTICIPATED IN  
10 MANY OF THE CHURCH'S ORGANIZATIONS. SHE HAD WORKED AT  
11 BULLOCK'S PASADENA AS A BOOKKEEPER IN THE JEWELRY DEPARTMENT  
12 FOR 20 YEARS. AND RECENTLY WAS A SCHOOL TEACHER AT HUGO REID  
13 SCHOOL IN ARCADIA. SHE WAS A MATRON OF THE PASADENA CHAPTER OF  
14 THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR. BOB MCCORD, WHO OPENED THE  
15 SAGEBRUSH CANTINA IN 1974, WHICH HELPED INCREASE THE GROWTH OF  
16 CALABASAS. THAT WAS A HISTORICAL TOWN BY THE LEONAS FAMILY  
17 THAT HAD BUILT IT MANY, MANY YEARS AGO. AND HIS CANTINA GREW  
18 FROM A ONE ROOM RUSTIC STOREFRONT TO SERVING OVER AN ESTIMATED  
19 5,000 CUSTOMERS PER WEEK. HIS CANTINA WAS A HIT WITH THE  
20 LOCALS AND BUSINESSES AS WELL AS THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, WHO  
21 WROTE VERY FAVORABLE ARTICLES ABOUT IT, WHICH IS A RARITY FOR  
22 THEM. BOB WAS ALSO DEDICATED TO HELPING OTHERS IN THE  
23 COMMUNITY AND HELPING CHILDREN IN ZAMBIA, AFRICA, IN ADDITION  
24 TO SERVING FREE THANKSGIVING DINNERS TO THE ELDERLY. HE IS



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1 SURVIVED BY HIS SON, ROBERT; AND HIS MOTHER, WANDA; AND  
2 SISTER, PENNY.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN AS A CO-MAKER OF THAT  
5 MOTION ON BOB MCCORD.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ROGER WHEELER, WHO WAS THE SON OF A PIONEER  
8 FAMILY FROM CLAREMONT. HE WAS AN ATHLETE IN TRACK, TENNIS AND  
9 FOOTBALL, WHERE HE LETTERED IN CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL. HE  
10 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, GRADUATED FROM POMONA  
11 COLLEGE, AND COFOUNDED WHEELER-STEFFEN REAL ESTATE. AND WENT  
12 ON TO CONTINUE AND BUY AND DEVELOP VARIOUS TYPES OF REAL  
13 ESTATE IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE CHAMBER  
14 OF COMMERCE, THE CLAREMONT KIWANIS CLUB IN ADDITION TO THE BOY  
15 SCOUTS COUNCIL. HE SERVED AS AN ELDER FOR THE CLAREMONT  
16 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARRIED  
17 59 YEARS, WHOM HE MET IN KINDERGARTEN AND MARRIED. AND HIS  
18 THREE SONS AND A DAUGHTER AND A TWIN SISTER AND SISTER-IN-LAW,  
19 AND 10 GRANDCHILDREN. DANTON BURROUGHS, THE GRANDSON OF EDGAR  
20 BURROUGHS, WHO CREATED THE FICTIONAL CHARACTER, TARZAN. HE  
21 SPENT HIS LIFE MARKETING AND PROTECTING HIS GRANDFATHER'S  
22 WORK. AND JUST BEFORE HIS PASSING, HE WAS GOING TO BE NAMED  
23 CHAIRMAN OF THE COMPANY HIS GRANDFATHER FORMED BACK IN 1923.  
24 DANTON GREW UP IN TARZANA. THE COMMUNITY HIS GRANDFATHER NAMED  
25 IN 1919 AFTER THE FAMED "TARZAN." HE GRADUATED FROM CAL STATE



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1 NORTHRIDGE, AND THEN HE HELPED FOUND THE TARZANA MUSEUM, WHICH  
2 IS LOCATED TODAY IN THE TARZANA COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER, AND  
3 WAS A CONTRIBUTOR TO THAT COLLECTION. THEY HAD A FIRE RECENTLY  
4 WHERE MUCH OF THE HISTORICAL MEMORABILIA WAS DESTROYED. AND HE  
5 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 28 YEARS AND TWO DAUGHTERS. BUT HE  
6 WAS VERY PROUD OF HIS GRANDFATHER AND THE WORKS THAT HE HAD  
7 PRODUCED.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I DON'T BELIEVE I HELD ANY ITEMS.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU'RE HOLDING?

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I THINK WE CALLED THEM UP, THE ONES I HAD  
16 HELD. I HAVE A MOTION I WANT TO INTRODUCE. 33 YEAR OLD  
17 FERNANDO DIAZ, WHO OPENED FIRE AT A CROWDED CHURCH FESTIVAL AT  
18 ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LASALLE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GRENADA HILLS  
19 ON SATURDAY MAY 17TH. FORTUNATELY THERE WERE NO FATALITIES.  
20 BUT DIAZ DID INJURE THREE PEOPLE REPORTEDLY USING A SEMI-  
21 AUTOMATIC 22 CALIBER RIFLE. HE WAS AIMING THAT AT HIS FORMER  
22 GIRLFRIEND, WHO HAD A RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST HIM. AND HE  
23 WAS ON ACTIVE PAROLE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE  
24 PAROLE BOARD. THANKS TO THE QUICK THINKING OF A RETIRED -- OR  
25 I SHOULD SAY OF THE BURBANK AND LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT



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1 POLICE OFFICERS WHO WERE OFF DUTY AND A GOOD SAMARITAN  
2 CITIZEN, THEY WERE ABLE TO SUBDUE HIM BEFORE HE COULD INJURE  
3 ANY MORE PEOPLE. NEARLY 10 YEARS AGO A SIMILAR INCIDENT  
4 OCCURRED IN GRENADA HILLS WHERE A PAROLEE FROM THE STATE OF  
5 WASHINGTON, BY THE NAME OF BUFORD FURROW, OPENED FIRE AT THE  
6 NORTH VALLEY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER AND MURDERED A POSTAL  
7 WORKER IN CHATSWORTH. AS A RESULT OF THAT INCIDENT, THE BOARD  
8 SUPPORTED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISARM PROGRAM WHICH I  
9 INITIATED TO BE PROACTIVE WITH UNANNOUNCED SEARCHES AND  
10 PROBATIONERS TO CONFISCATE ILLEGAL WEAPONS AND DRUGS. THE  
11 INCIDENT ON MAY 17TH PRESENTS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW  
12 LESSONS LEARNED FOR CONSIDERATION IN AREAS THAT MAY ALSO APPLY  
13 TO THE COUNTY TO AS IT RELATES TO PROBATIONERS UNDER OUR  
14 SUPERVISION. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE  
15 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO CONTACT THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT  
16 OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION TO HEAR ABOUT THE MISSION  
17 AND SUCCESS OF THE DISARM PROGRAM AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD  
18 IN THREE WEEKS WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THIS  
19 PAROLEE AND EVENTS LEADING UP TO THIS INCIDENT HOW PARLOLEE  
20 DIAZ ACQUIRED HIS WEAPON, WHAT, IF ANY, ACTION SHOULD OR COULD  
21 HAVE BEEN TRIGGERED AS A RESULT OF THE RESTRAINING ORDER  
22 AGAINST HIM, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COUNTY PROBATION  
23 DEPARTMENT AND POSSIBLY THE COURTS AS IT RELATES TO THE  
24 SUPERVISION OF PROBATIONERS. IF WE COULD HAVE A REPORT BACK ON  
25 THAT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR ITEMS?  
3 SUPERVISOR MOLINA? ALL RIGHT. ANY ITEMS THAT YOU'RE HOLDING?

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
6 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BISHOP MERIT J. SHELTON, LONG-TIME SECOND  
7 DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY. HE WAS PASTOR FOR OVER 59  
8 YEARS AT THE BLESSED HOPE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST. FOR THE  
9 LAST FIVE YEARS, HE CONDUCTED A MINISTRY BY VISITING THE  
10 ELDERLY IN REST HOMES AND CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS. HE LEAVES TO  
11 CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS SEVEN CHILDREN, BRENDA, PRISCILLA,  
12 AUDREY, LEONTINA, REGINALD, SHERROD AND REGINALD, JR. ALONG  
13 WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND REVEREND DR. WILLIAM R.  
14 JOHNSON, JR., LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT, WHO PASSED  
15 AWAY LAST WEEK. HE WAS A DEDICATED MEMBER OF CHRISTIAN  
16 METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY  
17 HIS WIFE, ELEANOR; TWO SONS, ALONG WITH HOST OF FAMILY AND  
18 FRIENDS. REVEREND ISEN TAYLOR WHO WAS THE FATHER OF ROBERT  
19 TAYLOR OF BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 16TH.  
20 HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS SON, ALONG WITH A HOST OF  
21 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN, LIONEL VAN  
22 DEERLIN, A LONG-TIME JOURNALIST, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 17TH  
23 AT THE AGE OF 93. A U.S.C. GRADUATE WHO REPRESENTED SOUTHERN  
24 SAN DIEGO FROM 1962 TO 80, AND MOST RECENTLY HE WAS A WRITER  
25 FOR A POLITICAL COLUMN FOR THE SAN DIEGO TRIBUNE AND THE UNION





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1 TRIBUNE. HE WAS ALSO A PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF COMMUNICATION AT  
2 SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY  
3 HIS DAUGHTERS, SUZIE, VICTORIA, AND ELIZABETH; AND SONS, JEFF  
4 AND JOHN. AND DOCTOR DANIEL MORGAN, FOUNDER OF THE GUIDANCE  
5 CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE. HE SERVED THE COUNTY OF LOS  
6 ANGELES HAVING FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAMS AND OTHER PROGRAMS  
7 THAT SERVED CHILDREN FROM OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. HE WAS VERY  
8 ACTIVE IN HIS COMMUNITY, WAS A NEIGHBOR OF MINE AT ONE TIME.  
9 AND HE LEAVES HIS WIFE, VERNELL MORGAN; HIS DAUGHTER, SHANTAY,  
10 AND ANOTHER DAUGHTER. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. AND BISHOP  
11 MERITT J. SHELTON, LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO  
12 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. HE WAS PASTOR FOR OVER 59 YEARS AT THE  
13 BLESSED HOPE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST. FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS,  
14 HE CONDUCTED A MINISTRY BY VISITING THE ELDERLY IN REST HOMES  
15 AND CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS. SO ORDERED. AND I'LL PROVIDE YOU  
16 WITH THE INFORMATION ON REVEREND DANIEL MORGAN. I'LL CALL UP  
17 S-1, WHICH WAS FOR 11 O'CLOCK, CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES ON  
18 2007 PERFORMANCE REPORT.

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20 **TRISH PLOEHN:** TRISH PLOEHN, D.C.F.S. GOOD MORNING,  
21 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY  
22 TO COME AND TO BE ABLE TO SHARE SOME REALLY GOOD NEWS WITH YOU  
23 ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE CONTINUED PROGRESS AND THE  
24 EXCELLENT OUTCOMES THAT WE ARE HAVING FOR CHILDREN IN LOS  
25 ANGELES COUNTY THAT ARE IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM. AND WHEN





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1 I SAY WE, I AM NOT TALKING ABOUT JUST D.C.F.S., I AM TALKING  
2 ABOUT THE COLLECTIVE WE, THE OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, OUR  
3 COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCIES, OUR FAITH-BASED PARTNERS, THE C.E.O.  
4 AND THE FIVE OF YOU AND YOUR RESPECTIVE OFFICES. BECAUSE IT  
5 TRULY DOES TAKE EVERYBODY TO DO A GOOD JOB FOR CHILDREN IN THE  
6 CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM IN THIS COUNTY. STARTING WITH YOUR  
7 DIRECTION AND PERMEATING THROUGH THIS AGENCY, SAFETY AND WELL-  
8 BEING FOR CHILDREN HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE A PRIORITY FOR  
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, WE ARE SHOWING  
10 OUTCOMES THAT MAKE US ALL PROUD. THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN  
11 AND FAMILY SERVICES YOU KNOW IS ONE OF THE LARGEST COUNTY  
12 DEPARTMENTS IN LOS ANGELES. AND WE SERVE ON ANY ONE DAY A  
13 LITTLE LESS THAN 36,000 CHILDREN AS OF TODAY. OF THOSE 36,000  
14 CHILDREN, A LITTLE LESS THAN 19,000 OF THEM ARE IN OUT-OF-HOME  
15 CARE. AND OF THAT 19,000, A LITTLE OVER 10,000, OR OVER 50  
16 PERCENT OF THEM, RESIDE WITH RELATIVES. WE HAVE THREE MAIN  
17 OUTCOMES THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT WE WANT FOR EVERY  
18 SINGLE CHILD THAT WE SERVE IN THIS COUNTY. WE WANT OR CHILDREN  
19 TO BE SAFE, WE WANT TO REDUCE OUR RELIANCE ON OUT-OF-HOME CARE  
20 BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT CHILDREN GROWING UP IN THE FOSTER CARE  
21 SYSTEM, AND WE WANT TO IMPROVE OUR PERMANENCE. WE WANT TO MOVE  
22 TO PERMANENCE, EITHER THROUGH FAMILY REUNIFICATION, ADOPTION  
23 OR LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY THAT IS  
24 APPROPRIATE TO A CHILD'S AGE. IN ORDER TO GET TO THOSE  
25 OUTCOMES, WE STARTED THIS REFORM PROCESS SEVERAL YEARS AGO.



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1 AND IN ORDER TO GET TO THOSE OUTCOMES WE ESTABLISHED FIVE  
2 PRACTICES. WE STARTED ROLLING OUT THESE PRACTICES IN 2004. AND  
3 WE FINALLY, IN EARLY PART OF THIS YEAR, 2008, COMPLETED ALL  
4 FIVE OF THESE PRACTICES ARE ESTABLISHED IN EVERY ONE OF OUR 17  
5 OFFICES AROUND THE COUNTY. POINTS OF ENGAGEMENT STARTED IN  
6 COMPTON, AND IT'S A WAY OF ENGAGING FAMILIES, BRINGING THEM TO  
7 THE TABLE AND WORKING WITH THEM TO TRY TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN  
8 IN THEIR HOME RATHER THAN HAVING TO REMOVE THAT CHILD IN ORDER  
9 TO KEEP THEM SAFE. STRUCTURED DECISION MAKING IS A SET OF  
10 TOOLS THAT FOCUSES IN ON SAFETY AND RISK, AND SUPPORTS THE  
11 SOCIAL WORKER IN MAKING DECISIONS EVERY DECISION MAKING POINT  
12 DURING THAT CHILD'S STAY IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM. TEAM  
13 DECISION MAKING IS A SYSTEM THAT STARTED THREE OR FOUR YEARS  
14 AGO AND IT HAS TAKEN ON LIKE WILDFIRE ACROSS OUR DEPARTMENT.  
15 NO LONGER DO SOCIAL WORKERS MAKE DECISIONS ON THEIR OWN. WHEN  
16 A DECISION HAS TO BE MADE, WHETHER A CHILD NEEDS TO BE PLACED,  
17 WHETHER A CHILD SHOULD RETURN HOME, WE BRING EVERYBODY TO THE  
18 TABLE. THE FAMILY, THE CHILD AND ANYBODY AND EVERYBODY THAT'S  
19 IMPORTANT TO THAT FAMILY AND CHILD SO THAT WE CAN MAKE A  
20 DECISION TOGETHER. CONCURRENT PLANNING IS A PROCESS BY WHICH  
21 WE, IN THE PAST, USED TO PLAN SEQUENTIALLY. WE WOULD WORK  
22 TOWARDS REUNIFICATION WITH THE CHILD TWO YEARS, SOMETIMES  
23 LONGER WHEN WE FIGURED OUT THAT WASN'T GOING TO WORK, THEN WE  
24 WOULD START THINKING ABOUT PERMANENCY AND CHILDREN SAT IN  
25 FOSTER CARE FOR YEARS. WE NOW HAVE A CONCURRENT PLANNING



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1    PROCESS WITH EVERY CHILD THAT COMES INTO CARE. WE CERTAINLY  
2    WORK TOWARDS REUNIFICATION BUT WE ALSO HAVE A BACKUP PLAN OF  
3    ADOPTION OR GUARDIANSHIP IF THAT DOESN'T WORK. AND THEN OUR  
4    LAST STRATEGY IS OUR PERMANENCY PARTNERS PROGRAM, WHICH YOU  
5    HAVE SUPPORTED FISCALLY AS WELL AS THROUGH YOUR ONGOING  
6    EFFORTS AND ADVOCACY, WHICH IS TO ASSIST US TO ADDRESS THOSE  
7    THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN, OLDER CHILDREN IN OUR SYSTEM, TO FIND  
8    PERMANENCY THROUGH ADOPTION, GUARDIANSHIP OR REUNIFICATION. SO  
9    WHAT HAS THAT ACHIEVED FOR US? FIRST OF ALL, AND I THINK THIS  
10   IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST PROUD NUMBERS THAT YOU WILL EVER  
11   SEE. IN 1998, WE HAD ALMOST 50,000 CHILDREN IN CARE IN LOS  
12   ANGELES COUNTY. AS OF THE END OF JANUARY -- OR THE END OF  
13   DECEMBER, 2007, WE HAD REDUCED THAT NUMBER TO A LITTLE OVER  
14   19,000. AS OF THE LAST DAY OF LAST MONTH, THAT NUMBER HAS  
15   FURTHER REDUCED. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 18,362 CHILDREN IN CARE.  
16   QUITE A DIFFERENCE FROM THAT NEARLY 50,000 CHILDREN JUST 10  
17   YEARS AGO. WE'VE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER AND THE  
18   PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN BEING ADOPTED WITHIN 24 MONTHS OF THEIR  
19   INITIAL PLACEMENT. WE ALSO LAST YEAR ADOPTED 2,121 CHILDREN  
20   OUT OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND 15 BABIES WERE SAFELY  
21   SURRENDERED AND ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF BEING ADOPTED. THE  
22   NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE HAS DECREASED  
23   SIGNIFICANTLY. WE STARTED FOCUSING IN ON THESE CHILDREN,  
24   PARTICULARLY THE OLDER CHILDREN, WHO HAD BEEN IN CARE FOR TWO  
25   YEARS OR MORE AND REALLY HAD NO OTHER PLAN BUT TO GROW UP IN



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1 THE SYSTEM IN ABOUT 2004. THERE WERE ABOUT 14,000 OF THOSE  
2 CHILDREN AT THAT TIME. OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, WE HAVE  
3 REDUCED THAT. THERE ARE NOW ONLY 9,918 CHILDREN AS OF THE END  
4 OF 2007. CHILDREN, OLDER CHILDREN, ARE FINDING PERMANENCY  
5 THROUGH ADOPTIONS, WHERE IN THE PAST PEOPLE DIDN'T EVEN THINK  
6 THAT WAS A POSSIBILITY. OUR MEDIAN LENGTH OF STAY HAS  
7 DECREASED, WHICH IS BASICALLY SAYING THAT WE HAVE LESS  
8 CHILDREN IN CARE AND THAT THEY ARE STAYING THERE FOR SHORTER  
9 PERIODS OF TIME. OUR MEDIAN LENGTH OF STAY AT THE END OF '07  
10 WAS 501 DAYS AND OUR AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME THAT A CHILD  
11 SPENDS IN CARE HAS ALSO DECREASED DOWN TO 1,169 DAYS. THAT WAS  
12 A REDUCTION OF OVER 200 DAYS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, WHICH  
13 MEANS CHILDREN THAT DO COME INTO THE SYSTEM ARE STAYING THERE  
14 FOR SHORTER PERIODS OF TIME. THIS NEXT GRAPH IS PROBABLY MY  
15 FAVORITE. THE RED BARS AT THE BOTTOM SHOW YOU HOW WE HAVE  
16 REDUCED THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN CARE. BUT THAT BLUE LINE AT THE  
17 TOP SHOWS YOU HOW WE HAVE REDUCED THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN  
18 CARE. AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE, BACK IN 1998, THERE WERE OVER  
19 48,000 CHILDREN. AS OF A YEAR AGO, THERE WERE 20,000. AND AS  
20 OF THE END OF MARCH, YOU'LL SEE THERE WAS ONLY 18.5. THIS  
21 MONTH WE JUST GOT OUR NUMBERS FOR APRIL, AND THAT NUMBER HAS  
22 FURTHER REDUCED TO THE 18,362. CHILDREN ARE BEING KEPT IN  
23 THEIR OWN HOMES SAFELY. THEY ARE RETURNING HOME MORE QUICKLY.  
24 THEY ARE BEING ADOPTED OR THEY ARE IN A GUARDIAN'S HOME. THEY  
25 ARE NOT SITTING AND LANGUISHING IN FOSTER CARE AS THEY USED



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1 TO. WE'VE ALSO REDUCED THE FAMILY MAINTENANCE CASES THAT HAVE  
2 BEEN OPEN FOR OVER 12 MONTHS. AND WHAT THIS TELLS US IS THAT  
3 WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER SERVICES TO FAMILY BUT KEEP THAT CHILD IN  
4 THAT HOME. WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER THOSE SERVICES EARLY ON,  
5 RATHER THAN HAVING TO HAVE THEM WAIT FOR MONTHS TO BE ON A  
6 WAITING LIST BECAUSE WE NOW ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR  
7 COMMUNITY AGENCIES AND THOSE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE  
8 IMMEDIATELY SO THOSE CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE TO BE DISRUPTED FROM  
9 THEIR OWN HOME. AS YOU KNOW, LAST YEAR WE HAD A BACKLOG OF  
10 RELATIVE ASSESSMENTS. IT STARTED OUT WITH OVER 3,000 RELATIVE  
11 ASSESSMENTS BACKLOGGED AT A COST OF OVER A MILLION DOLLARS A  
12 MONTH. THAT WAS REDUCED OVER THE PERIOD OF 2007 TO 152. AND  
13 TODAY WE HAVE ONLY 39 OF THE BACKLOG LEFT. AND LASTLY, WITH  
14 OUR PERMANENCY PARTNERS PROGRAM, WE HAVE SERVED TO DATE OVER  
15 2,000 CHILDREN, 1,200 OF THEM IN THE YEAR 2007. APPROXIMATELY  
16 A THIRD OF EVERY CHILD THAT WE SERVED THROUGH OUR PERMANENCY  
17 PARTNERS PROGRAM HAVE EITHER FOUND PERMANENCY OR ARE WELL ON  
18 THEIR WAY TO PERMANENCY, EITHER THROUGH REUNIFICATION WITH  
19 FAMILIES, FINDING MISSING FAMILY MEMBERS THAT WE HAD NOT KNOWN  
20 EXISTED BEFORE OR ONTO GUARDIANSHIP OR ADOPTION, MANY TIMES  
21 WITH THE CAREGIVER THAT THEY HAD BEEN LIVING WITH FOR YEARS.  
22 THE PERMANENCY PARTNERS PROGRAM ALSO HAS WORKED EXTENSIVELY  
23 WITH OUR RUNAWAY YOUTH AND WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO REDUCE THAT  
24 NUMBER SIGNIFICANTLY, NEARLY 30 PERCENT OVER THE LAST YEAR. SO  
25 THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH. AND IT IS



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1 PHENOMENAL. IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS BEING LOOKED AT FROM  
2 PEOPLE ACROSS THIS COUNTRY. WE ARE GETTING CALLS. WE ARE ASKED  
3 QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW WE ARE ACHIEVING THE OUTCOMES THAT WE ARE  
4 ACHIEVING. AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ARE VERY, VERY PROUD  
5 THAT WE ARE DOING. I JUST WANT TO TOUCH VERY BRIEFLY ON THE  
6 IMPACT OF THE POTENTIAL CUTS. AS YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNOR MADE  
7 HIS ANNOUNCEMENT LAST WEEK WITH THE PROPOSED BUDGET. BASICALLY  
8 THE IMPACT ON US IN CHILD WELFARE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR MY  
9 DEPARTMENT IF IT GOES INTO FRUITION IN THE FULL IMPACT THAT  
10 HE'S PROPOSING, IS APPROXIMATELY \$25 MILLION TO THE  
11 DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION TO A CUT OF \$25 MILLION, WE WOULD ALSO  
12 BE LOOKING AT A 5 TO 10 PERCENT CUT FOR EVERY CHILD THAT'S IN  
13 CARE TO THE GROUP HOMES, THE FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES AND THE  
14 LICENSED FOSTER HOMES AS WELL AS TO RELATIVES, WHICH WOULD BE  
15 DEVASTATING ON THEM. THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED INCREASES FOR SOME  
16 YEARS. AND TO TAKE A 5 TO 10 PERCENT CUT WITH THE INCREASES IN  
17 GAS PRICES AND FOOD PRICES WOULD CERTAINLY IMPACT THE QUALITY  
18 OF CARE THEY WERE ABLE TO GIVE TO OUR CHILDREN. THEIR  
19 PROPOSALS ALSO INDICATE THAT THERE WOULD BE AN ELIMINATION OF,  
20 IT'S A SPECIAL FUND, IT'S CALLED COMMUNITY TREATMENT FACILITY  
21 RATE, WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL RATE THAT IS PROVIDED TO A  
22 RESIDENTIAL FACILITY FOR OUR MOST DIFFICULT CHILDREN, OUR MOST  
23 HIGH RISK CHILDREN. AND IF THAT INDEED IS ELIMINATED, THERE IS  
24 A GOOD CHANCE THAT THOSE AGENCIES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SERVE  
25 OUR CHILDREN ANY LONGER AND WOULD PROBABLY BE LOOKING AT





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1 PRIVATE PAY PATIENTS. IT WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUR  
2 PREVENTION REUNIFICATION AND PERMANENCY SERVICES AND COULD  
3 POTENTIALLY REDUCE SERVICES AND CONTRACTS TO CHILDREN AND TO  
4 THEIR FAMILIES. IT HAS THE POTENTIAL ALSO OF REDUCING THE  
5 NUMBER OF SOCIAL WORKERS IN OUR DEPARTMENT. I BELIEVE THAT THE  
6 ABILITY OF THE SOCIAL WORKER TO MAINTAIN CONSTANT AND FREQUENT  
7 CONTACT WITH THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IS CRITICAL TO THE  
8 SUCCESS THAT WE HAVE SHOWN AND SO TO REDUCE THAT NUMBER WOULD  
9 NOT BE MOVING US IN THE DIRECTION THAT I WANT US TO GO.  
10 CERTAINLY THE CURTAILMENTS HAVE A POTENTIAL FOR SLOWING,  
11 STOPPING, OR REVERSING THE POSITIVE TRENDS THAT WE HAVE SHOWN  
12 OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. HOWEVER, REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE  
13 BUDGET HANDS US AND WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DEAL WITH, WE ARE  
14 MOVING FORWARD BECAUSE WE ARE MOVING THIS COUNTY AND OUR  
15 CHILDREN IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. YOU'RE WELL AWARE THAT WE'RE  
16 WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AROUND  
17 OUR FLEXIBLE FUNDING WHICH WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR, WHICH WAS  
18 IMPLEMENTED LAST JULY. AND IT IS SHOWING GOOD OUTCOMES, BOTH  
19 OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AS WELL AS OUTCOMES IN OUR  
20 ABILITY TO REMAIN FISCALLY SOLVENT AND TO UTILIZE  
21 REINVESTMENTS OF THE SAVINGS THAT WE'RE ABLE TO GENERATE BY  
22 THE GOOD OUTCOMES TO REINVEST IN NEW STRATEGIES FOR CHILDREN  
23 AND FAMILIES. WE'VE ALSO, WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF ROLLING OUT  
24 OUR PREVENTION PROGRAM WITH A \$5 MILLION BUDGET. IT'S IN THE  
25 PROCESS PROBABLY ABOUT TWO MONTHS IN. IT'S A ONE-YEAR





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1 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AND WE HOPE WE WILL SEE OVER THE NEXT  
2 YEAR SOME VERY GOOD OUTCOMES AROUND PREVENTION AND KEEPING  
3 CHILDREN FROM COMING IN THE FRONT DOOR. WE'RE IMPROVING OUR  
4 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE C.E.O.'S  
5 OFFICE AS WELL AS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. WE'RE  
6 COMING MUCH CLOSER TO DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO  
7 ENSURE THAT EVERY CHILD IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM HAS  
8 ADEQUATE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. AND WE'RE CERTAINLY LOOKING  
9 AT THOSE CHILDREN THAT ARE WITH KIN. WITH OVER 50 PERCENT OF  
10 OUR CHILDREN PLACED WITH KINSHIP PROVIDERS, WE TOOK A REALLY  
11 CAREFUL LOOK OVER THE LAST YEAR AT EXACTLY WHAT THEY NEED. AND  
12 WE'VE MET WITH THEM AND WE'VE TALKED TO THEM. AND WHAT THEY'RE  
13 SAYING IS THEY NEED MORE SUPPORT. THEY ARE TENTATIVE TO MOVE  
14 ON TO PERMANENCY WITH THEIR CHILDREN, EVEN THE CHILDREN THAT  
15 ARE THEIR RELATIVES BECAUSE THEY'RE FRIGHTENED THAT DOWN THE  
16 ROAD, WILL THERE BE HELP IF THEY NEED THAT HELP? AND SO WE  
17 HAVE ESTABLISHED A NEW DIVISION ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO THAT IS  
18 PROVIDING KINSHIP SUPPORT NOT ONLY FOR CHILDREN IN OUR SYSTEM  
19 BUT FOR CHILDREN AFTER THEY LEAVE OUR SYSTEM AT ANY TIME THAT  
20 THAT RELATIVE NEEDS ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE. THERE'S ANOTHER  
21 NUMBER OF EFFORTS THAT ARE UNDERWAY THAT CONTINUE OUR  
22 PREVENTION OF BRINGING CHILDREN INTO PLACEMENTS, INCREASING  
23 OUR PERMANENCY. A LOT OF FOCUS ON INCREASING WELL-BEING AND  
24 SELF-SUFFICIENCY FOR OUR CHILDREN. THERE IS A LOT OF EFFORTS  
25 ON ENSURING THAT OUR CHILDREN RECEIVE AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION.



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1 AND TO START EARLIER ON WITH OUR CHILDREN AROUND EDUCATION,  
2 BECAUSE THAT IS THEIR KEY TO SUCCESS AS THEY BECOME ADULTS, IN  
3 ADDITION TO INCREASED AND BETTER EMPLOYMENT IN HOUSING FOR  
4 THOSE THAT ARE AGING OUT OF OUR SYSTEM. THE BOTTOM LINE IS  
5 THIS: I HAVE JUST GIVEN YOU A REPORT THAT HAD A LOT OF NUMBERS  
6 IN IT. AND SOME OF THEM WERE REALLY GOOD NUMBERS ABOUT WHAT  
7 WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE. AND SOME OF THEM WERE REALLY  
8 HORRIBLE NUMBERS ABOUT WHAT WE MIGHT LOSE. BUT THE REALITY IS,  
9 IT'S NOT ABOUT NUMBERS. IT'S ABOUT WHAT IS BEST FOR CHILDREN  
10 AND FAMILIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND WHAT IS BEST FOR  
11 CHILDREN IS THAT THEY ARE FREE FROM HARM AND THAT THEY HAVE  
12 THE RIGHT TO GROW UP IN A LOVING AND A SAFE FAMILY. AND THAT'S  
13 WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I AM VERY PROUD OF WHAT  
14 WE, ALL OF US, HAVE ACCOMPLISHED FOR THOSE CHILDREN. AND I  
15 THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, FOR MY DEPARTMENT AND FOR  
16 ALL OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
17 [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND  
20 THEN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL FIRST OF ALL TRISH, LET ME THANK YOU. THE  
23 REPORT IS EXCELLENT AND CERTAINLY THE OUTCOMES ARE OUTSTANDING  
24 BUT THEY ARE HARD TO BELIEVE, OKAY? THAT CHART THAT YOU  
25 MENTIONED, AND I KNOW THEY ALREADY TOOK IT OFF THE SCREEN,



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1 WHICH IS THE ONE THAT SPEAKS TO THE AVERAGE DAYS OF PLACEMENT  
2 AND THE NUMBER OF PLACED CHILDREN?

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4 **TRISH PLOEHN:** YES.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU HAD -- AND JUST A YEAR AGO YOU HAD 20,000  
7 CHILDREN, IS THAT CORRECT?

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9 **TRISH PLOEHN:** 20,465.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. AND NOW YOU HAVE 18,500.

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13 **TRISH PLOEHN:** ACTUALLY, AS OF LAST MONTH 18,362.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. NOW, I FIND THAT HARD TO UNDERSTAND AND  
16 BELIEVE BECAUSE I'VE BEEN HERE FOR WELL OVER A DECADE  
17 UNFORTUNATELY. AND HAVE ALWAYS SEEN THIS NUMBER INCREASE,  
18 NEVER REALLY DECREASE AT ANY LEVEL. SO WHAT ARE THE  
19 CONTRIBUTIONS? I MEAN WHAT IS THE BIG DRAMATIC -- WE DIDN'T  
20 GIVE YOU ANY BIG ADDITIONAL FUNDING. WHAT IS IT THAT LED TO  
21 THIS HUGE NUMBER, AND PLUS THE FACT THAT IT'S COMING DOWN ON A  
22 REGULAR BASIS, WHICH IS VERY POSITIVE. WHAT WOULD YOU MENTION  
23 AS THE BIG CONTRIBUTION TO THAT?

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1   **TRISH PLOEHN:** I THINK IT WAS SEVERAL THINGS. I THINK THAT IT  
2   WAS THE CONCENTRATED EFFORT STARTING IN 2004 THAT WE WERE  
3   GOING TO REFORM CHILD WELFARE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE  
4   ESTABLISHED THE OUTCOMES AND THOSE FIVE STRATEGIES THAT I  
5   TALKED ABOUT. AND THEN WE HAD A CULTURE CHANGE. NOT ONLY  
6   INSIDE OF MY DEPARTMENT BUT INSIDE OF THIS COUNTY IN GENERAL.  
7   I KNOW YOU CAN WELL REMEMBER THE TIME WHEN WE WERE A VERY  
8   SILOED AGENCY AND WE DID NOT SHARE INFORMATION AND WE DID NOT  
9   WANT TO BE PARTNERED WITH ANYBODY. AND WE JUST WANTED TO KEEP  
10   OUR BUSINESS OUR BUSINESS. THAT HAS CHANGED. WE OPEN OUR  
11   DOORS. WE WELCOME OUR PARTNERS. WE INVITE PEOPLE IN, NOT ONLY  
12   OUR CHILDREN AND OUR FAMILIES, BUT OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND  
13   OTHER AGENCIES. AND WE SAID TO EVERYBODY: WE CAN'T DO THIS  
14   ALONE. WE TRIED AND IT OBVIOUSLY DID NOT WORK. WE NEED  
15   EVERYBODY'S HELP. AND OVER THE YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO  
16   RALLY SUPPORT AROUND CHILDREN. THE OTHER THING, THE BIGGEST  
17   PIECE, I THINK, WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT WAS A CULTURE CHANGE  
18   THAT SAID IT IS NOT OKAY FOR CHILDREN TO GROW UP IN FOSTER  
19   CARE. BACK IN THE '90S, THAT WAS PERFECTLY OKAY. YOU COULD  
20   BRING A CHILD INTO CARE, YOU TRIED TO REUNIFY THEM FOR A YEAR  
21   OR TWO. IF THAT DIDN'T WORK, OH WELL, I GUESS THEY'RE JUST  
22   GOING TO GROW UP IN CARE. AND YOU SAW WHAT THAT HAS  
23   ACCOMPLISHED. THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE AGED OUT OF OUR  
24   SYSTEM FULLY UNPREPARED FOR ADULTHOOD. SO WE SAID THAT IS NO  
25   MORE. WE ACTUALLY HAVE A POLICY THAT SAYS LONG-TERM FOSTER



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1 CARE, WHILE IT IS STILL PERMISSIBLE ON THE BOOKS FOR THE STATE  
2 OF CALIFORNIA IS NO LONGER AN ACCEPTABLE OPTION FOR CHILDREN  
3 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IF A CHILD MUST COME INTO CARE, AND WE  
4 DO A LOT OF WORK AROUND KEEPING CHILDREN OUT OF COMING INTO  
5 CARE, WE WANT TO SERVE CHILDREN IN THEIR OWN FAMILIES AND  
6 FAMILIES IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES. BUT IF THEY MUST COME INTO  
7 CARE, THERE IS ONLY THREE WAYS THEY SHOULD LEAVE CARE. EITHER  
8 THEY'RE REUNIFIED WITH THEIR FAMILY SAFELY BECAUSE WE HAVE  
9 GOTTEN INTO THAT FAMILY AND ASSISTED THEM IN RESOLVING THAT  
10 ISSUE, OR THEY MOVE ON TO ADOPTION OR THEY MOVE ON TO  
11 GUARDIANSHIP. LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.  
12 SPENDING YEARS IN THE SYSTEM IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. AND HOPEFULLY,  
13 IF YOU ASKED ANYBODY IN MY DEPARTMENT OR HOPEFULLY JUST ABOUT  
14 ANYBODY THAT'S INVOLVED WITH CHILD WELFARE IN THIS COUNTY,  
15 THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO TELL YOU THAT, BECAUSE WE HAVE POUNDED  
16 THAT INTO EVERYBODY. AND I THINK PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN IT TO  
17 HEART. THEY BELIEVE IT'S THE RIGHT THING FOR CHILDREN. AND  
18 THAT HAS MADE THEM BEHAVE DIFFERENTLY AND MAKE DIFFERENT  
19 DECISIONS.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, AGAIN, I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THOSE  
22 NUMBERS, HAVING BEEN A PART OF THIS SYSTEM FOR SO LONG. ONE OF  
23 THE OTHER THINGS THAT YOU SAID IN HERE, DURING 2006 AND 2007,  
24 THERE IS A DECREASE OF OVER 29 PERCENT, ALMOST 30 PERCENT OF  
25 RUNAWAY YOUTH. THAT'S ANOTHER AMAZING NUMBER. WHAT'S THE



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1 CONTRIBUTION TO THAT? I MEAN, BEFORE, EVERYBODY THREW UP THEIR  
2 HANDS WITH RUNAWAY CHILDREN. THEY EVEN, YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHAT  
3 MCCLAREN WAS ABOUT, IT'S SORT OF THIS ASYLUM OUT THERE FOR  
4 THOSE BAD KIDS. WHY ARE ALL OF A SUDDEN CHILDREN NOT RUNNING  
5 AWAY FROM THEIR PLACEMENTS?

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7 **TRISH PLOEHN:** I THINK IT WAS TWOFOLD. ONE WAS THAT PRIOR TO A  
8 COUPLE OF YEARS AGO WE DID NOT HAVE A TRACKING SYSTEM. AND YOU  
9 ALL MAY REMEMBER THAT YOU ASKED THAT QUESTION AND WE COULD NOT  
10 GIVE YOU AN ANSWER ON HOW MANY CHILDREN WERE RUNAWAYS ABOUT  
11 THREE YEARS AGO. SO WE HAVE A TRACKING SYSTEM THAT IS  
12 MONITORED AND DATA INPUT AND EXTRACTED ON A MONTHLY BASIS. BUT  
13 PROBABLY THE BIGGEST CHANGE WAS THAT NOW EVERY -- STARTING  
14 ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, NOW EVERY SINGLE RUNAWAY IS  
15 ASSIGNED TO A P3 WORKER, WHICH IS OUR PERMANENCY WORKER,  
16 THAT'S THAT PROGRAM THAT YOU SUPPORTED THAT OUR RETIRED SOCIAL  
17 WORKERS THAT ARE WORKING WITH OUR OLDER YOUTH AROUND  
18 PERMANENCY. WE ASSIGN OUR RUNAWAYS TO P3 WORKERS NOW TOO.  
19 BECAUSE CHILDREN THAT RUN AWAY ARE DOING TWO THINGS. THEY'RE  
20 EITHER RUNNING AWAY FROM SOMETHING HORRIBLE OR THEY'RE RUNNING  
21 TO SOMETHING. BUT NO ONE WAS EVER ASKING THEM THAT QUESTION  
22 AND NO ONE WAS ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR THEM. AND IF WE DID FIND  
23 THEM IN THE PAST THEN WE JUST KIND OF PUT THEM INTO PLACEMENT  
24 AGAIN. BUT WE DIDN'T EXPLORE WITH THEM, WHAT ARE YOU RUNNING  
25 FROM AND WHAT ARE YOU RUNNING TO? WE'RE DOING THAT NOW. WHAT



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1 WE'RE FINDING IS SOMETIMES THEY ARE RUNNING FROM A SITUATION  
2 THAT WE NEED TO GET THEM OUT OF OR MOVE THEM AWAY FROM. MOST  
3 OFTEN THEY'RE RUNNING TO SOMETHING. THEY'RE TRYING TO FIND  
4 THAT FAMILY THAT THEY MISS. THEY'RE TRYING TO FIND A BOYFRIEND  
5 OR A GIRLFRIEND OR A FRIEND. AND SOMETIMES THEY ACTUALLY HAVE  
6 A PLAN. MANY OF THE TIMES WE FIND THESE RUNAWAYS, WHERE ARE  
7 THEY? THEY'RE IN THEIR OWN HOMES. THEY'RE BACK WITH THAT  
8 PARENT WE TOOK THEM AWAY FROM 10 YEARS AGO. AND SOMETIMES WITH  
9 WORKING WITH THEM AND OFFERING THEM THOSE SERVICES WE'RE ABLE  
10 TO SAY, "OKAY, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE A TEENAGER. LET'S THINK ABOUT  
11 WHETHER WE CAN WORK OUT A PLAN." AND SOMETIMES WE CAN.  
12 SOMETIMES WE CAN LET THAT CHILD STAY THERE WITH APPROPRIATE  
13 SERVICES. WE CAN GET COURT PERMISSION OR MOVE THAT CHILD ON TO  
14 ANOTHER RELATIVE. ALSO, WE DIDN'T HAVE FAMILY-FINDING  
15 PROCESSES IN THE PAST. AND WE DO NOW. BOTH AUTOMATED  
16 TECHNIQUES THAT ALLOW US TO FIND FAMILY THAT BEFORE WE DIDN'T  
17 KNOW EXISTED. NOW WE CAN RUN COMPUTERS. WE USE THE INTERNET  
18 AND WE FIND PEOPLE THAT WE NEVER KNEW EXISTED. AND SOMETIMES  
19 THEY'RE OPTIONS FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THERE IS BETTER PLACEMENT. ONE OF THE MOST  
22 DIFFICULT THINGS I THINK OF ANY PARENT IS TRYING TO FIND  
23 TRYING CREATE INDEPENDENCE FOR THEIR CHILDREN SO THAT WHEN  
24 THEY GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, HOPEFULLY THEY CAN GET A JOB,  
25 GET IT GOING TO COLLEGE. THOSE KIND OF THINGS. NO ONE CREATES





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1 THAT KIND OF PATHWAY YET IN A SUFFICIENT MANNER FOR MANY OF  
2 THESE CHILDREN. SOME OF THEM OVERCOME THOSE BARRIERS AND ARE  
3 SUCCESSFUL. BUT WE LOSE A LOT OF CHILDREN IN THIS PROCESS AND  
4 THEY BECOME PART OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION OR OTHER KINDS OF  
5 PROBLEM POPULATION THAT WE HAVE. NOW, ARE WE DOING A BETTER  
6 JOB, I MEAN, YOU KNOW I'M TRACKING CHILDREN AND TRYING TO DO  
7 MORE SO WITH HOW WE'RE EDUCATING OUR FOSTER CARE KIDS AND  
8 TRACKING THAT PART OF IT. BECAUSE THEY THROW THEM INTO A  
9 PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT USUALLY IGNORES THEM. BUT I MEAN,  
10 WHAT ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS IN THOSE AREAS? ARE WE LOOKING AT  
11 THOSE OUTCOMES? BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, IT'S SORT OF LIKE THEY ARE  
12 NO LONGER UNDER OUR CARE SO THEY'RE NOT OUR NUMBER, WE DON'T  
13 CARE ABOUT THE-- NOT THAT WE DON'T CARE, THEY'RE JUST NOT OUR  
14 RESPONSIBILITY. WHAT ARE WE DOING IN THAT AREA?

15  
16 **TRISH PLOEHN:** A COUPLE OF THINGS. AND I SOUND LIKE A BROKEN  
17 RECORD AROUND THIS STATE BECAUSE WHENEVER WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
18 CHILDREN AGING OUT OF THE SYSTEM, MY STATEMENT IS: WE ARE  
19 ATTACKING THE WRONG PROBLEM. IF WE FOUND PERMANENCY FOR THESE  
20 YOUNG PEOPLE IN A TIMELY MANNER, WE WOULDN'T BE RAISING THEM  
21 AND HAVING TO AGE THEM OUT OF OUR SYSTEM. SO THAT HAS TO BE A  
22 MAJOR FOCUS. BUT, UNTIL WE GET THAT 100 PERCENT DOWN AND  
23 WORKING WELL, WE STILL DO HAVE CHILDREN THAT AGE OUT OF OUR  
24 SYSTEM. AND FOR THOSE CHILDREN, YES, THERE'S A LOT MORE  
25 ATTENTION ON THOSE CHILDREN THAN EVER BEFORE. AROUND THE ISSUE



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1 OF EDUCATION, AROUND STARTING LOOKING AT EDUCATION EARLIER. IT  
2 DOES ABSOLUTELY NO GOOD, WHICH IS WHAT WE DID IN THE PAST, TO  
3 HAVE A CHILD SUDDENLY IN THE 12TH GRADE AND THEN REALIZING  
4 THEY DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH CREDITS TO GRADUATE. AND PROBABLY  
5 HAVEN'T GAINED MANY CREDITS IN THE LAST THREE YEARS. SO  
6 LOOKING AT TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WAYS TO ENGAGE FAMILIES, I  
7 MEAN ENGAGE CHILDREN EARLIER ON IN THE SYSTEM. WE HIRED 15  
8 EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS THAT ARE WORKING AROUND THE COUNTY  
9 WITH REGARDS TO THE CHILDREN THAT ARE HAVING EDUCATIONAL  
10 PROBLEMS, ASSISTING SOCIAL WORKERS WITH THINGS LIKE I.E.P.S  
11 AND IDENTIFYING ISSUES. FOR EXAMPLE, OFTENTIMES OUR CHILDREN  
12 SEEM TO GET SUSPENDED MORE THAN OTHERS. THERE'S NO ONE OUT  
13 THERE ADVOCATING FOR THEM. SO WE ARE HAVING THESE EDUCATIONAL  
14 CONSULTANTS HELP WITH THAT. WE'RE ALSO EXPANDING OUR HOUSING  
15 AND OUR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, AS WELL, TO TRY TO GET THESE  
16 YOUTH PREPARED FOR ADULthood IF INDEED THEY HAVE TO GO OUT  
17 ALONE. AND THEN ALSO TO TRY TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S A  
18 CONNECTION FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. NO CHILD SHOULD HAVE TO  
19 LEAVE OUR DOORS WITHOUT A CONNECTION TO SOMEBODY. SO WE'RE  
20 TRYING, EARLY ON, TO CONNECT THEM TO AT LEAST ONE ADULT THAT  
21 CARES ABOUT THEM AND THAT'S GOING TO BE THERE FOR THEM, NOT  
22 JUST UNTIL THEY TURN 18 BUT AS THEY TRANSITION INTO ADULthood.  
23 AND THAT USUALLY TAKES, RESEARCH SHOWS, THAT A YOUNG PERSON  
24 REALLY ISN'T READY TO REALLY STAND ON THEIR OWN TWO FEET FOR  
25 THE MOST PART UNTIL THE AGE OF 26.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S TRUE. THE ISSUE OF -- YOU HAD -- AND I'M  
3 NOT SO SURE BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE WHERE THE NUMBERS ARE TODAY.  
4 YOU HAD OVER 6,000 VACANCIES THAT OUR BUDGET BOOKS  
5 DEMONSTRATED. I DON'T KNOW IF THOSE ARE -- THEY HAVEN'T GOTTEN  
6 BACK TO ME WHETHER THEY ARE REAL VACANCIES OR NOT.

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8 **TRISH PLOEHN:** 600.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THOUGHT IT WAS 6,000.

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12 **TRISH PLOEHN:** I ONLY HAVE 7,300 -- ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT STAFF  
13 VACANCIES? YEAH. I HAVE 7,300 TOTAL STAFF ITEMS IN MY  
14 DEPARTMENT. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 600 THAT WERE VACANT.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. ARE THOSE REAL VACANCIES?

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18 **TRISH PLOEHN:** YEAH, THEY ARE REAL VACANCIES. ONLY 187 AS OF  
19 THE LAST MONTH WERE SOCIAL WORKERS. THE REST WERE A NUMBER OF  
20 CLERICAL AND OTHER SUPPORT STAFF. THERE'S A VARIETY OF REASONS  
21 FOR THAT. BUT WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH D.H.R. TO RESOLVE  
22 THOSE ISSUES. AND THAT GAP IS CLOSING. AT THE SAME TIME,  
23 HOWEVER, WE ARE BEING PRUDENT IN THE POSITIONS THAT WE'RE  
24 FILLING WITH THE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT OUR BUDGET MAY LOOK  
25 LIKE. SO WE'RE BALANCING THOSE TWO THINGS AT THE SAME TIME.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE YEARS AGO, THERE WERE VARIOUS REASONS  
3 THAT WE COULDN'T ATTRACT, SUPPOSEDLY COULDN'T ATTRACT M.S.W.S  
4 TO COME WORK FOR US. MUCH OF IT WAS BECAUSE OUR BUREAUCRACY  
5 AND OUR SYSTEM JUST WASN'T ENGAGING OR ENRICHING AS AN  
6 EDUCATIONAL COMPLIMENT TO WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. HAS THAT  
7 CHANGED DRAMATICALLY? THAT'S NOT A BARRIER AT ALL?

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9 **TRISH PLOEHN:** I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE MORE M.S.W.S. WE ACTUALLY  
10 WORK WITH THE SIX UNIVERSITIES THAT PROVIDE M.S.W.S AROUND THE  
11 COUNTY, VERY CLOSELY WITH FOUR OF THEM THAT ARE WORKING  
12 INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS WITH US. AND RIGHT NOW, MAY AND JUNE,  
13 SOMETIMES INTO JULY, WE HIRE AS MANY OF THE M.S.W.S THAT ARE  
14 INTERESTED IN COMING INTO OUR DEPARTMENT. AND IT'S A  
15 SIGNIFICANT NUMBER, USUALLY, OH, ABOUT 150 OR SO RIGHT IN THE  
16 SUMMER THAT ARE GRADUATING. SOME OF THEM HAVE COMMITMENTS TO  
17 US BECAUSE THEY HAVE DONE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS WITH US OR WE  
18 HAVE SCHOLARSHIPS THAT WE PROVIDE THEM IN ORDER TO ENTICE THEM  
19 TO COME TO THE DEPARTMENT. NOT AS MANY AS I WOULD LIKE. THERE  
20 ARE NOT AS MANY M.S.W.S AS I WOULD LIKE, BUT WE DO HAVE OUR  
21 FAIR SHARE.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND FINALLY, IN THE OUTLINE THAT YOU PRESENTED OF  
24 THE POTENTIAL CUTS AND BUDGET CUTS, I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT



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1 THE END OF THE DAY THE CUTS WILL BE. RIGHT NOW THEY'RE  
2 PROPOSED.

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4 **TRISH PLOEHN:** RIGHT, CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND EVEN UNDER THESE, YOU'VE USED WORDS THAT  
7 SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS. I KNOW THAT MAYBE  
8 IF YOU WOULD FOLLOW-UP, AND WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THOSE  
9 CUTS ARE GOING TO BE, BUT I THINK THAT THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM IN  
10 EVERY DEPARTMENT TO FIND WAYS TO CUT BACK IF NEED BE WITHOUT  
11 HURTING THE VERY CORE, THE MOST ESSENTIAL OF SERVICES. IF YOU  
12 COULD, AND I KNOW IT WON'T BE EASY, IS TO SORT OF ISOLATE  
13 THOSE GOOD THINGS THAT HAVE CREATED THIS DRAMATIC CHANGE AND  
14 WHAT ARE SO ESSENTIAL A COMPONENT TO KEEP THIS KIND OF ONGOING  
15 STATISTIC SO THAT WE CAN KEEP CHILDREN OUT OF COMING INTO OUR  
16 SYSTEM, THAT WE CAN KEEP THEM WITH THEIR FAMILIES OR IN THEIR  
17 COMMUNITIES. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, MAYBE FIND THOSE WAYS THAT  
18 IF WE HAVE TO CUT BACK ON CERTAIN PARTS OF THIS SUCCESS, THAT  
19 WE COULD ISOLATE THOSE VERY AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN ESSENTIAL TO  
20 THESE STATISTICS OF BETTER OUTCOMES THAT WE'VE HAD. SO AGAIN,  
21 THEY'RE VERY GENERAL IN THAT YOU OUTLINED ALL OF THESE  
22 POTENTIAL REDUCTIONS. BUT I AM CONCERNED THAT MAYBE IT --  
23 WELL, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS GOING TO BE. I'D LIKE TO KNOW  
24 MORE SPECIFICALLY IF THERE'S ANY WHERE WE'RE GOING TO CUT AND  
25 AS THIS HAPPENS, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT ARE MOST ESSENTIAL



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1 THAT IF YOU ELIMINATE THIS, YOU ARE GOING TO HURT THIS  
2 OUTCOME. AND I THINK IF YOU COULD CONNECT THEM FOR ME, I SURE  
3 WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

4

5 **TRISH PLOEHN:** WE WILL DO THAT. ACTUALLY, WE'RE IN A PROCESS IN  
6 THE DEPARTMENT GOING THROUGH OUR BUDGET LINE ITEM BY LINE ITEM  
7 AND DETERMINING WHAT CAN BE CUT WITHOUT HARM TO CHILDREN AND  
8 FAMILIES, WHAT COULD BE REDUCED AND WHAT SIMPLY HAS GOT TO BE  
9 PROTECTED AT ALL COSTS.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I APPRECIATE IT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME FIRST CONGRATULATE YOU AND THANK YOU  
16 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA. I.S.D. DID A VERY INNOVATIVE  
17 PROGRAM TO INCLUDE JOB TRAINING FOR OUR FOSTER KIDS. HAVE ANY  
18 OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS BEEN AS AGGRESSIVE IN IMPLEMENTING  
19 COMPARABLE PROGRAMS TO ENGAGE OUR FOSTER CHILDREN IN A WORK  
20 EXPERIENCE?

21

22 **TRISH PLOEHN:** ACTUALLY, I'M GLAD YOU ASKED THAT. WE OF COURSE  
23 HAVE A PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, CAREER DEVELOPMENT,  
24 INTERNS THAT WE BRING IN. WE ARE ALSO ABOUT TO EMBARK ON --  
25 THOSE CAREER DEVELOPMENT INTERNS DO CLERICAL WORK. AND WE ARE



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1 DEVELOPING A PROGRAM TO ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO BRING HOPEFULLY  
2 SOME IN AS CASE AIDS AND PEER COUNSELORS WITH SOME OF THE  
3 YOUNGER FOSTER YOUTH. BUT I WAS ALSO APPROACHED JUST YESTERDAY  
4 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS WHO SAID "TRISH, WE  
5 WOULD LIKE TO SIT DOWN WITH YOU, WE WANT TO ESTABLISH A  
6 PROGRAM FOR TRANSITIONING FOSTER YOUTH." SO PEOPLE WOULD --  
7 AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A JOINT MAP GOAL TOGETHER. SO LET'S  
8 SIT DOWN AND TALK ABOUT THIS. SO PEOPLE ARE REALLY BECOMING  
9 QUITE INTERESTED IN BRINGING OUR YOUTH ON AND ACTUALLY  
10 ENGAGING THEM AS PART OF THE COUNTY FAMILIES. SO THERE ARE A  
11 NUMBER OF DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,  
12 I KNOW BRINGS SOME ON. I MET WITH A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE JUST  
13 LAST WEEK WHO IS WORKING FOR D.H.R. AND SO, YES, A NUMBER OF  
14 DEPARTMENTS ARE INCLUDING OUR YOUTH.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **TRISH PLOEHN:** N.C.S., COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES ALSO HAS A  
19 VERY NICE PROGRAM COMING UP.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE WE'VE HAD WONDERFUL RESULTS FROM THE  
22 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATE IN THAT PROGRAM AND THEN END UP  
23 WITH GOOD EMPLOYMENT AND BECOMING PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF OUR  
24 SOCIETY. TO FURTHER ENCOURAGE YOU AND THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS





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1 WHO ARE NOT PARTICIPATING TO CONTACT YOU TO BEGIN  
2 PARTICIPATING.

3

4 **TRISH PLOEHN:** BE WONDERFUL. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
7 FOR THAT EXCELLENT PRESENTATION.

8

9 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM NO. 15. IS THE  
12 C.E.O. HANDLING THAT?

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR --

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THAT LAST S-1, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED  
17 BY ANTONOVICH THAT WE RECEIVE AND FILE. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP  
18 CANDACE CHRISTIANSON AND ADORA RAMOS AND PATTY MONTOYA.

19 [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT, AS THEY'RE COMING UP, I'D LIKE TO --

20 I'VE PASSED OUT A MOTION. AND I'D LIKE TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE  
21 A COPY OF IT. COULD THEY HAVE A COPY OF IT? OH, IT'S A TYPO?

22 OKAY. HAVE A SEAT. I HAVE A MOTION THAT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO  
23 HAVE A COPY OF IT BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR PRESENTATION. THIS

24 ACTUALLY IS BEING -- WAS SUGGESTED BY THE C.E.O. EVERY DAY THE  
25 6,500 LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTERED NURSES -- PARDON ME? MAKE



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1 AN EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTHCARE OF OUR COMMUNITY.  
2 WITH ONGOING NURSING SHORTAGE IN OUR COUNTY, THE RECRUITMENT  
3 AND -- I WAS JUST INTRODUCING THIS. OKAY. [APPLAUSE.]  
4 RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF QUALIFIED REGISTERED NURSES  
5 CONTINUES TO BE A CRITICAL PRIORITY. TOWARD THIS END, THE  
6 COUNTY MUST STRIVE TO DEVELOP A CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM THAT  
7 APPROPRIATELY RECOGNIZES THE MANY AND VARIOUS SPECIALTIES  
8 PRACTICED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY NURSES. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, WE  
9 MUST BRING TOGETHER DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND LABOR  
10 STAKEHOLDERS TO REVIEW THE STRENGTH AND WEAKNESSES OF THE  
11 CURRENT SYSTEM AND CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS. AND THIS IS A MOTION  
12 THAT'S BEING -- THAT WAS PREPARED BY THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE THAT  
13 WE'RE INTRODUCING. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE  
14 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ESTABLISH A LABOR MANAGEMENT  
15 TASKFORCE TO ASSESS THE CURRENT R.N. CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND  
16 RECOMMEND NECESSARY CHANGES. TWO, THE TASKFORCE WILL INCLUDE  
17 REPRESENTATIVES FROM C.E.O., EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, C.E.O.  
18 BUDGET, C.E.O. COMPENSATION CLASSIFICATION, HEALTH SERVICE,  
19 HUMAN RESOURCES, HEALTH SERVICE NURSING AFFAIRS, HEALTH  
20 SERVICES C.N.O.S AND S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 BARGAINING COMMITTEE  
21 MEMBER STAFF. THE TASKFORCE WILL INITIALLY MEET NO LATER THAN  
22 JUNE 15TH, 2008. THE C.E.O. WILL REPORT TO THIS BOARD ON THE  
23 PROGRESS OF THE TASKFORCE INCLUDING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN  
24 90 DAYS. [APPLAUSE.] I WANTED TO HAVE THIS BEFORE YOU BECAUSE  
25 THE C.E.O. HAS WHAT IS BEING -- HE IS PROPOSING. AND I WANT TO



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1 HEAR FROM YOU. AND THEN WE'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO DEBATE IT. AND  
2 WE COULD HEAR FROM THE C.E.O. AS TO THE BASIS. I CERTAINLY  
3 FELT IT WAS A GOOD APPROACH. YES?

4

5 **CANDACE CHRISTIANSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CANDACE  
6 CHRISTIANSON. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN NURSING FOR OVER EIGHT  
7 YEARS. WITH MOST OF MY CAREER HAS BEEN IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT  
8 SETTING. OUT OF ALL THE PLACES ONE WOULD CHOOSE TO WORK AS A  
9 NURSE, I CHOSE LOS ANGELES COUNTY U.S.C. BECAUSE I BELIEVED  
10 THAT I COULD DO A GREAT SERVICE TO THE POOR AND UNDERSERVED  
11 PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF EMERGENCY  
12 NURSES AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY U.S.C. EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.  
13 NURSES AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT RECEIVE AND  
14 UNDERGO EXTENSIVE TRAINING AND ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN MANY  
15 CERTIFICATIONS. CERTIFICATIONS INCLUDE ADVANCED CARDIAC LIFE  
16 SUPPORT, PEDIATRIC LIFE SUPPORT, TRAUMA NURSING CORE  
17 CURRICULUM, AND CERTIFICATION AS A MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE  
18 NURSE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN M.I.C.N. WE ARE TRAINED TO  
19 PROVIDE RAPID ASSESSMENT AND IMMEDIATE LIFE SAVING  
20 INTERVENTIONS. THESE CERTIFICATIONS WE HOLD AND ARE REQUIRED  
21 AND MANDATED TO BE RE-CERTIFIED EVERY TWO YEARS, OVER 80  
22 PERCENT OF HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS ARE GENERATED THROUGH THE  
23 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. DAILY WE SEE OVER 250 PATIENTS. L.A.  
24 COUNTY U.S.C. ALSO SERVES AS A PARAMEDIC BASE STATION, WHICH  
25 IS ONE OF THE BUSIEST IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND COVERS THE



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1 LARGEST GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS FROM ANTELOPE VALLEY TO POMONA  
2 VALLEY. THE BASE STATION SERVES OVER 3,000 CALLS A MONTH AND  
3 AT TIMES IT CAN BE MORE. AT AN M.I.C.N., THE NURSE IS  
4 RESPONSIBLE FOR ANSWERING PARAMEDIC CALLS ONCE THEY ARRIVE ON  
5 SCENE OF A PATIENT. OUR JOB INCLUDES DIRECTING PATIENT FLOW TO  
6 OTHER HOSPITALS, MAKING DECISIONS REGARDING TREATMENT AND  
7 MEDICATION NECESSARY TO STABILIZE CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS IN  
8 THE PRE-HOSPITAL CARE SETTING. OUR RESPONSIBILITIES ALSO  
9 INCLUDE HANDLING MULTI-CASUALTY INCIDENTS, ORGANIZING  
10 HELICOPTER TRANSPORTS, AND ULTIMATELY DECIDING THE BEST  
11 HOSPITALS FOR A PATIENT TO GO TO BASED ON THE SEVERITY OF  
12 THEIR ILLNESS. EMERGENCY NURSES PROVIDE RAPID ASSESSMENT AND  
13 RENDER CRITICAL CARE TO ILL PATIENTS. ON ANY GIVEN DAY IN THE  
14 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, WE CAN CARE FOR A VAST VARIETY OF  
15 PATIENT PROBLEMS. WE RENDER CARE TO VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES  
16 SUCH AS MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS, SEXUAL ASSAULTS, DOMESTIC  
17 VIOLENCE, SUICIDES, CARDIAC ARRESTS, BROKEN BONES, HEART  
18 ATTACKS, STROKES, RESPIRATORY ARRESTS, EMERGENCY CHILDBIRTH,  
19 TRAUMAS, DRUG OVERDOSES, SICK DIABETICS, STABBINGS AND MASS  
20 CASUALTIES. OFTENTIMES THESE PATIENTS REQUIRE ONE-TO-ONE  
21 NURSING THAT WOULD BE FOUND IN AN I.C.U. SETTING, BUT OFTEN  
22 END UP STAYING IN OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT FOR OVER 72 HOURS  
23 AWAITING A BED. YET THE NURSES IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT ARE  
24 STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR CARING FOR THESE PATIENTS AND CONTINUING  
25 TO PROVIDE CARE TO THE FLOW OF PATIENTS THAT WALK THROUGH THE



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1 DOOR AT ANY GIVEN TIME. THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT L.A.  
2 COUNTY U.S.C. CARES FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE, SICKEST, AND  
3 POOREST POPULATIONS IN THE COUNTY. MOST NURSES WOULD NOT WORK  
4 IN THE L.A. COUNTY EMERGENCY ROOM BECAUSE OF THE CONSTANT  
5 CHAOS, HIGH STRESS, AND POOR STAFFING RATIOS. YET DAY AFTER  
6 DAY THESE NURSES COME BACK TO THE E.R. TO CARE FOR THE SICK OF  
7 THE COMMUNITY.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. STATE YOUR NAME.  
10 (APPLAUSE.) I'M SORRY. WE CANNOT HAVE APPLAUSE. YES, STATE  
11 YOUR NAME.

12

13 **PATTY MONTOYA:** HI, MY NAME IS PATTY MONTOYA. I'M A REGISTERED  
14 NURSE AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.  
15 I HAVE 20 PLUS YEARS WITH COUNTY SERVICE AND I AM HERE  
16 REPRESENTING NOT ONLY MYSELF BUT MY COLLEAGUES AND THE NURSING  
17 PROFESSIONALS THAT ARE SO VITAL FOR THIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE  
18 SYSTEM. SUPERVISORS, I KNOW FIRST HAND THE EVERYDAY STRUGGLES  
19 OUR COUNTY NURSES AND NURSES IN GENERAL ENDURE ON A DAILY  
20 BASIS TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE TO THOSE IN NEED OF EMERGENCY,  
21 TRAUMA, CRITICAL CARE AND AT MANY TIMES PRIMARY CARE SERVICES  
22 IN OUR AREAS OF SPECIALTY. WE CARE FOR THE INDIGENT, THE  
23 WORKING POOR, AND ALL OF THE UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS OF L.A.  
24 COUNTY. WE ARE THE HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET. WE ARE COMMITTED TO  
25 THIS PUBLIC HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, BUT OUR COMMITMENT AND RESPECT



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1 FOR THIS SYSTEM IS NOT RECIPROCATED. WE NURSES ARE JUST NOT  
2 RECEIVING THE SAME LEVEL OF RESPECT IN RETURN. NURSES, LIKE  
3 DOCTORS AND OTHER HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, HAVE AREAS OF  
4 EXPERTISE. WITH THIS EXPERTISE, ADDITIONAL EDUCATION,  
5 CERTIFICATION, AND WORK EXPERIENCE ARE A MUST. WELL-EDUCATED  
6 AND TRAINED NURSES ENABLE OUR FACILITIES TO PROVIDE SAFE,  
7 EFFECTIVE, AND HIGH QUALITY AND OVERALL PATIENT-CARE CENTERED  
8 TYPE OF CARE. LAST YEAR, OUR SPECIALTY ITEMS OR TITLES WERE  
9 STRIPPED FROM US. EMERGENCY, I.C.U., N.I.C.U. NURSES AND ALL  
10 OTHER SPECIALTY NURSES WERE PLACED INTO GENERIC ITEMS. MORE  
11 SPECIFICALLY, INTO THREE CATEGORIES, REGISTERED NURSE 1, 2 AND  
12 3. NOT ONLY WAS THE RECOGNITION OF OUR SPECIALTY TAKEN FROM  
13 US, SO WAS THE APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION. THE ENTIRE  
14 IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS OF THE R.N. RECLASSIFICATION WAS  
15 BLOTCHED. AND MANY OF OUR SPECIALTY AND NON-SPECIALTY NURSES  
16 WITH 20 PLUS YEARS WERE LEFT BEHIND AND WERE RECLASSIFIED AS  
17 REGISTERED NURSE 1S WHEN THEY COULD HAVE BEEN REGISTERED  
18 NURSES 2 OR 3 BASED ON D.H.S. CRITERIA. LACK OF RESPECT FOR  
19 OUR PROFESSION AND THE SERVICES THAT NURSING PROVIDES FOR THE  
20 COUNTY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND OUR PATIENTS IS PREVENTING US  
21 FROM FURTHER RECRUITING, LET ALONE RETAINING THE MUCH NEEDED  
22 NURSING STAFF. IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE OBTAIN YOUR SUPPORT. OUR  
23 DEDICATION HAS BEEN PROVEN OVER THE YEARS OF UNCONDITIONAL  
24 SERVICE THAT WE HAVE PROVIDED L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. WE URGE  
25 YOU TO PLEASE RECONSIDER THE REINSTATEMENT OF OUR SPECIALTIES



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1 AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE HIGH QUALITY, QUALIFIED R.N.S THAT THE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES HAS. RECLASSIFY US TO OUR  
3 APPROPRIATE SPECIALTY AND CLASSIFICATIONS. I THANK YOU FOR  
4 YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. STATE YOUR NAME.

7

8 **ADORA RAMOS:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL OUR HONORABLE SUPERVISORS.  
9 MY NAME IS ADORA RAMOS, AND I AM A REGISTERED NURSE AT HARBOR  
10 U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER. I HAVE BEEN A NURSE IN THE STEPDOWN  
11 UNIT IN FOUR WEST, WHOSE SPECIALTY IS CARDIOLOGY FOR OVER 20  
12 YEARS. I LOVE MY JOB. AND I AM THE RESOURCE FOR THE FLOOR. YET  
13 WHEN THE COUNTY IMPOSED ITS NEW CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, I  
14 BECAME A REGISTERED NURSE 1 DESPITE OF ALL THE YEARS OF  
15 EXPERIENCE AND MY STRONG ABILITIES. I THANK YOU FOR LISTENING  
16 TO US TODAY. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS OUR THIRD TIME AT THE BOARD  
17 OF SUPERVISORS ON THE ISSUE AND WE HAVE ALSO MET INDIVIDUALLY  
18 WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CREATING  
19 CLIMATE THAT MAKES IT EASY TO ATTRACT THE BEST NURSING STAFF  
20 AND RETAIN THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY STAFFING OUR COUNTY'S SAFETY  
21 NET HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, AND CLEAR CRITERIA FOR CLASSIFICATION  
22 THAT TAKES IT INTO CONSIDERATION EACH NURSE'S SKILLS AND  
23 TRAINING. WE ARE ONE OF THE LARGEST SYSTEMS IN THE COUNTRY,  
24 AND WE DO A LOT WITH A LITTLE. AS YOU HAVE HEARD FROM MY  
25 COLLEAGUES AND SEE FROM THOSE OF US WHO WERE ABLE TO MAKE A





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1 LITTLE TIME FOR BEING HERE TODAY, THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT  
2 AFFECTS US PERSONALLY. WE KNOW YOU ARE HEARING US. WE  
3 APPRECIATE YOUR MOVE TO RESTORE SPECIALTIES TO OUR WORKING  
4 TITLES. THIS IS A POSITIVE FIRST STEP. AND WE NOW ENCOURAGE  
5 YOU TO WORK WITH L.A. COUNTY'S R.N.S TO OVERHAUL THE ENTIRE  
6 NURSE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM TO MAKE IT MORE FAIR AND LESS  
7 ABOUT WHAT YOU -- WHO YOU KNOW AND MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU KNOW.  
8 WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS, AND WE NEED TO SEE RESULTS. EVERY  
9 DAY, I HEAR OTHER NURSES LEAVING OR SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING  
10 LEAVING BECAUSE L.A. COUNTY HAS NOT CREATED A CLIMATE THAT  
11 RESPECTS NURSES. OUR PATIENTS AND LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS CANNOT  
12 AFFORD TO HEMORRHAGE NURSES. THE ACUITY LEVEL IS HIGH, AS WE  
13 SAY IN NURSING BUT TOGETHER WE CAN TRIAGE AND FIX THIS  
14 PROBLEM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FIXING THE BROKEN RECLASS SYSTEM  
15 WITH YOU. I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. AND ALSO I THANK  
16 MY COLLEAGUES FOR BEING HERE WITH US.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THE C.E.O. IF HE COULD COME  
21 BACK SO HE CAN RESPOND TO SOME OF THESE ISSUES. PARDON ME,  
22 COULD WE GET -- YES.

23



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANT TO CONTINUE TWO ITEMS AT THE REQUEST  
2   OF MR. KNABE. 48 AND 60 WE'LL PUT OVER UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY --  
3   NEXT WEDNESDAY. NEXT MEETING.

4

5   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NEXT WEDNESDAY, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAY 27TH. NEXT TUESDAY.

8

9   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 48 AND ITEM 60. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
10   ORDERED. PARDON ME, I THINK THAT IF WE COULD GET THE C.E.O.  
11   COULD YOU COME UP PLEASE AND RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS. AND  
12   SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I'M SURE YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. AND SUPERVISOR  
13   YAROSLAVSKY?

14

15   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHAT WERE THE QUESTIONS?

16

17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS NOW. BUT I'D LIKE  
20   -- THIS IS THE FIRST I SAW THIS. FIRST I HEARD ABOUT IT. SO  
21   WHAT I WANT TO DO IS HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT.  
22   AND I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST WE PUT THIS OVER UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY.

23

24   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THIS IS A CONTINUATION. THIS IS A WAY TO FOCUS  
25   OUR EFFORTS ON RESOLVING AN ISSUE THAT WAS BROUGHT TO THIS



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1 BOARD ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DEAL WITH  
2 RIGHT NOW IS A REQUEST TO CARVE OUT OR TO CREATE A  
3 CLASSIFICATION THAT ADDRESSES THE UNIQUE DUTIES AND  
4 RESPONSIBILITIES OF SOME OF OUR NURSES WHO WORK IN OUR  
5 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THIS IS NOT A NEW ISSUE. THIS  
6 IS AN ISSUE THAT IN WORKING WITH OUR EMPLOYEE RELATIONS STAFF,  
7 WE FEEL THAT BY CREATING THIS TASKFORCE, WE CAN BRING  
8 RESOLUTION TO AN ISSUE THAT AGAIN WAS ADDRESSED TO THIS, WAS  
9 PRESENTED TO THIS BOARD AT LEAST SIX WEEKS AGO.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXCUSE ME, MR. FUJIOKA, WHEN WAS THIS MOTION  
12 BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD? CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE  
13 THAT -- IS THERE ANOTHER MEMORANDUM THAT WE DIDN'T SEE? WHEN  
14 WAS THIS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION? YOU MET WITH ME FOR AN HOUR  
15 YESTERDAY. YOU DIDN'T EVEN BRING THIS UP TO ME THAT THIS WAS  
16 COMING UP TODAY. AND IT'S THE PURPOSE OF THAT MEETING IS TO GO  
17 OVER THE AGENDA, DISCUSS IT, AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO HAVE  
18 A FREE FLOW OF CONVERSATION WITH YOU AS WE DO, AS YOU DO WITH  
19 -- EVERY C.E.O. HAS DONE SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE. THIS  
20 NEVER CAME UP ONCE. SO I DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS GOT TALKED  
21 ABOUT. I DON'T KNOW, THIS MAY BE PERFECTLY FINE. I WANT TO  
22 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THIS.

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND. I WAS LEFT WITH THE IMPRESSION  
25 THAT -- BECAUSE I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT I'VE SEEN SOME EMAILS



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1 WHERE THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED WITH BOARD OFFICES. I CAN'T TELL  
2 YOU IF IT WAS DISCUSSED WITH YOUR OFFICE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BILL, I'M GOING TO SAVE YOU FROM YOURSELF  
5 WITH THIS ONE. I WOULD REALLY SUGGEST THAT FROM THIS POINT  
6 FORWARD WHEN A SUPERVISOR SAYS TO YOU THAT HE HASN'T SEEN  
7 THIS, THAT YOU JUST ACCEPT IT AT FACE VALUE. I DON'T GIVE A  
8 DAMN HOW MANY EMAILS THERE ARE FLOATING AROUND AND HOW MANY  
9 MEMOS AND HOW MANY C.C.'S THAT PEOPLE PRODUCE, I DID NOT KNOW  
10 ABOUT IT.

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY, I'LL ACCEPT THAT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU MET WITH ME FOR AN HOUR YESTERDAY. DID  
15 THIS COME UP?

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NOPE.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MOVE THIS BE PUT OVER FOR A WEEK.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE MOTION. ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANY  
2   OBJECTION TO THAT? SO THE MOTION WOULD BE PUT OVER FOR A WEEK.  
3   WE'RE BACK ON ITEM 15. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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5   **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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7   **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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9   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF THERE'S NO ONE ELSE ASKING TO SPEAK ON  
10   AN ITEM, IS THERE A MOTION ON ITEM 15. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,  
11   SECONDED BY BURKE, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THIS IS ON  
12   ITEM 15. AND I THINK WE HAVE TO TAKE UP ITEMS 59 AT THE SAME  
13   TIME?

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15   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO ONE WAS ASKING TO SPEAK ON THAT. NO ONE  
18   WAS HOLDING 59. SO AGAIN, MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
19   BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTIONS, ITEM 59 IS APPROVED. ITEM 60 IS  
20   BEING CONTINUED. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE? SUPERVISOR MOLINA DID  
21   NOT HAVE ADJOURNMENTS AND SUPERVISOR KNABE, DID HE SEND ANY  
22   ADJOURNMENTS?

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24   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE -- YES.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS FORWARDED TO ME THIS  
2    ADJOURNMENT. MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE MOVE IN MEMORY  
3    OF CHARLES HENRY GNATS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MONDAY, MAY 12, IN  
4    LONG BEACH. HE WAS 92 YEARS OLD. HE WAS BORN JULY 21ST, 1916,  
5    IN QUEENS, NEW YORK. HE WAS THE LAST SURVIVING CHILD OF ANNA  
6    BERGNER AND CHARLES GNATS. 11 CHILDREN. HE WORKED HARD TO  
7    PROVIDE FOR HIS FAMILY. HE WAS A FOUNDING AND ACTIVE MEMBER OF  
8    THE ELKS CLUB 2181 IN WAYNE, NEW JERSEY. CHARLES WAS ALSO  
9    KNOWN FOR HIS GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
10   CHILDREN, CHARLES, KENNETH, GERALDINE; NINE GRANDCHILDREN AND  
11   TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SO ORDERED.

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13   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, PUBLIC COMMENT?

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15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PUBLIC COMMENT.

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17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME, MADAME CHAIRMAN.

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19   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY LAST NIGHT, THE ANGELES  
22   COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT DISPATCHED PERSONNEL TO CHINA TO HELP  
23   WITH THE RESCUE ATTEMPTS OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ENDANGERED IN  
24   THE SZECHWAN EARTHQUAKE. AND THEY ARE EXPERIENCED IN RESCUE  
25   TECHNIQUES FOR THOSE THAT ARE INJURED IN THAT TYPE OF AN



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1 EARTHQUAKE TRAGEDY. SO THEY ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WEDNESDAY  
2 MORNING, THEY LEFT LAST NIGHT, AND BE ABLE TO GET ON THE SCENE  
3 AND ASSIST THE OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER NATIONS THAT  
4 ARE HELPING THESE PEOPLE WHO SUFFERED THIS DEVASTATING  
5 EARTHQUAKE. IT'D BE LIKE THE ENTIRE CITY OF ALHAMBRA OR  
6 MONTEREY PARK BEING WIPE OUT, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE  
7 BEEN KILLED FROM THIS, AND FAMILIES DISRUPTED. SO OUR THOUGHTS  
8 AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE VICTIMS IN CHINA, BUT LOS ANGELES  
9 COUNTY IS PARTICIPATING IN THOSE RESCUE EFFORTS WITH OUR MEN  
10 FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, CAN I BE RECOGNIZED FOR A  
13 SECOND? MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD ASK -- I THINK THE MEMBERS KNOW,  
14 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE PROBABLY JUST FINDING OUT THE  
15 DIAGNOSIS OF SENATOR TED KENNEDY WITH A BRAIN TUMOR. AND I  
16 WOULD ASK THAT WE SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER UNDER YOUR  
17 SIGNATURE AS CHAIR TO SENATOR KENNEDY AND HIS FAMILY  
18 EXPRESSING OUR GOOD WISHES AND OUR PRAYERS.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT'S BEING TAKEN UP AS  
21 AN EMERGENCY, SOMETHING THAT CAME UP AFTER THE AGENDA. WITHOUT  
22 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
23 ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NED MCNAMARA, NANCY  
24 RUBIN, WILLIAM GREGORY. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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1 **NED MCNAMARA:** MY NAME IS NED MCNAMARA. GOOD MORNING,  
2 EVERYBODY. I WAS HERE LAST TUESDAY. AND MY PROBLEM BASICALLY  
3 IS I BUILT, AGAIN JUST TO RENEW IT REAL QUICKLY, IS I'M IN THE  
4 FOURTH DISTRICT, MR. KNABE, I GUESS.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK HE'S AT A FUNERAL. HE THOUGHT HE'D  
7 GET BACK BUT HE DIDN'T MAKE IT BACK.

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9 **NED MCNAMARA:** OKAY, MA'AM, I'M SORRY. BUT HE BUILT, I BUILT,  
10 I'M SORRY. I BUILT A 65-FOOT SCHOONER THAT TOOK ME ABOUT 11  
11 YEARS. AND I BUILT IT IN THE MARINA DEL REY AREA, WHERE I  
12 SPENT OVER \$250,000. AND THEN I PUT \$160,000 IN RENT TO THE  
13 MARINA CITY CLUB, OVER \$160,000, FOR AN END TIE. AND AGAIN  
14 REAL QUICKLY, IS I SPOKE WITH BEACHES AND HARBORS. THEY WERE  
15 MR. SANTOS WAS SUPPOSED TO TRY TO HELP ME. AND HE SAID THERE'S  
16 NOTHING REALLY HE COULD DO. MY BOAT IS AT THE CHACE PARK,  
17 WHICH IS YOU PAY DAILY THERE. AND YOU HAVE SEVEN DAYS TO GET  
18 OUT. HE CALLED ME YESTERDAY ON MY LAST DAY TO TELL ME HE  
19 COULDN'T DO ANYTHING. BUT HE SAID, YOU KNOW, YOU CAN STAY  
20 ANOTHER SEVEN DAYS IF YOU'D LIKE. SO MY REQUEST IS, AND I KNOW  
21 THEY'VE DONE THIS BEFORE. I NEED TO STAY LONGER THAN ANOTHER  
22 SEVEN DAYS, WHICH I PAY EVERY DAY. IT'S 50 CENTS A FOOT, WHICH  
23 IS NO PROBLEM TO ME. AND TO BE ALLOWED TO KEEP -- BUT THERE'S  
24 TWO THINGS I NEED. I NEED TO BE ALLOWED TO KEEP PAYING FOR THE  
25 TEMPORARY DOCK AVAILABLE AT CHACE PARK UNTIL THIS IS RESOLVED,



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1 WHICH SHOULDN'T BE THAT LONG. AND TO CONTACT THE BOARD OF  
2 ESSEX MANAGEMENT, WHICH IS THE LESSEE OF THE MARINA CITY CLUB,  
3 THE NEW LESEE OF MARINA CITY CLUB, WAS THERE FROM PALO ALTO UP  
4 NORTH, TO BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE. BECAUSE THEIR LEGAL FIRM THAT  
5 THEY HAVE IS NOT ALLOWING EITHER OUR ATTORNEYS, ANYONE TO GO  
6 IN THERE TO EVEN SPEAK TO THEM. THEY SAID OUR ATTORNEYS, WE  
7 CANNOT SPEAK TO ANYBODY. AND SO WHAT'S HAPPENING BASICALLY IS  
8 THE LEGAL FEES ARE GOING ON AND ON. AND I HAVE A VERY BIG  
9 CIVIL CASE WHICH I'M WILLING TO DROP AND WORK WITH THEM IF I  
10 CAN GET A HOLD AND TALK TO SOMEBODY IN MANAGEMENT OF ESSEX.  
11 AND I WAS TOLD TO DO THIS BY NATE HOLDEN, A GOOD FRIEND OF  
12 MINE, THAT LIVES THERE AT THE CITY CLUB ALSO THAT'S TRYING TO  
13 HELP ME ALONG WITH THIS. SO THAT'S WHERE I AM AT BASICALLY IS  
14 I NEED SOME MORE TIME WHERE YOU PAY AT THE WHAT DO YOU CALL IT  
15 THE BURTON CHACE PARK IN MARINA DEL REY. AND BASICALLY IF  
16 SOMEBODY CAN CONTACT THE BOARD AND JUST SAY LOOK, WOULD YOU  
17 NEGOTIATE WITH THESE PEOPLE? SO THAT'S BASICALLY WHERE I AM.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW. MR. SANTOS IS PROBABLY NOT  
20 HERE, BUT OF COURSE HE WOULD BE THE ONE WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY  
21 TO TALK TO THEM. HE DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY OVER THAT  
22 PARTICULAR BASIN IN TERMS OF LEASES. BUT HE COULD CERTAINLY --  
23 HE'S THE PERSON YOU NEED TO TALK TO.

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25 **NED MCNAMARA:** AND I DID. HE SAYS HE CAN HARDLY DO ANYTHING.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU SAY YOU HAD A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE  
3 COMPANY?

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5 **NED MCNAMARA:** I WAS THERE 13 YEARS. ACTUALLY, I'M SORRY, THEY  
6 JUST CAME IN, MS. BURKE.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL, I DON'T KNOW. THE COUNTY  
9 COUNSEL MAY HAVE SOMEONE WHO CAN TALK TO YOU SOMETHING ABOUT  
10 THAT. BUT OBVIOUSLY OUR BOARD CAN'T DO ANYTHING. THANK YOU.  
11 WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME?

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13 **WILLIAM GREGORY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS WILLIAM GREGORY.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH, SANTOS IS HERE. AND HE COULD SPEAK WITH  
16 YOU.

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18 **WILLIAM GREGORY:** MEMORIAL DAY IS COMING UP AND I'M REMINDED  
19 THAT I VOLUNTEERED IN 1952 TO GO FIGHT FOR MY COUNTRY. I'M A  
20 DECORATED DISABLED VETERAN WHO WAS IN KOREA FOR ALMOST FOUR  
21 YEARS. I'M 76 YEARS OLD AND MY WIFE IS 63. WE BOTH NEED TO  
22 WORK FULL-TIME IN ORDER TO SURVIVE. I HAD BEEN LIVING IN MY  
23 HOME THAT FLOATS ON THE WATER IN MARINA DEL REY UNTIL WE HAD A  
24 FIRE ABOARD ON MARCH 11TH, 2006, IN WHICH WE LOST MANY OF OUR  
25 BELONGINGS. THIS HOME WAS BOUGHT AND FULLY PAID FOR BY MY WIFE



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1 12 YEARS AGO. WE HAVE PAID OVER \$112,000 IN RENT TO MARINERS  
2 BAY. SINCE THE FIRE WE HAVE PAID ALL THE RENTS DUE, INCLUDING  
3 LIVE-ABOARD FEES EVEN THOUGH WE WERE NOT LIVING ABOARD DURING  
4 THIS TIME AND THEREFORE ACCORDING TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,  
5 NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE FEES. WE PAID THESE BECAUSE WE DID  
6 NOT WANT TO LOSE OUR DOCK SPACE. WE HAVE HAD TWO RENT RAISES  
7 IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. WE HAD BEGUN TO RESTORE OUR HOME AFTER  
8 THE FIRE. AND WHEN THE WORK WAS ALMOST FINISHED, MARINERS BAY  
9 SERVED US WITH AN EVICTION NOTICE. THE FLOATING HOME WAS  
10 GRANDFATHERED INTO THE MARINA COUNTY ORDINANCE IN 1994. PER  
11 COUNTY ORDINANCE, WE CANNOT SELL THE HOME. IF SOLD, IT MUST BE  
12 REMOVED FROM THE MARINA. IT CANNOT BE MOVED AS IT CANNOT BE  
13 LIFTED OUT OF THE WATER WITHOUT BEING DESTROYED. IT WAS BUILT  
14 IN THE WATER AT THAT LOCATION. THE FLOATING HOME IS NOT SEA  
15 WORTHY AND HAS NO MEANS OF SELF-PROPULSION. WE HAVE BEEN  
16 LOCKED OUT AND CANNOT LIVE ABOARD. NONE OF THE OTHER MARINAS  
17 IN THIS AREA ARE ACCEPTING FLOATING HOMES. WE HAVE BEEN TO ALL  
18 OF THESE. MARINERS BAY IS THE ONLY MARINA THAT IS STILL  
19 ACCEPTING THESE LARGE FLOATING HOMES, YET THEY HAVE NOT ONLY  
20 EVICTED ME AND MY WIFE BUT THEY HAVE LOCKED US OUT OF OUR  
21 HOME, WHICH IS OUR PRIVATE PROPERTY. NOW THEY HAVE WRITTEN US  
22 A LETTER ASKING US TO SIGN OVER OUR PROPERTY TO THEM SO AS TO  
23 AVOID THEIR HAVING TO GO THROUGH MORE LEGAL PROCESS TO TAKE  
24 OUR HOME. WE HAVE TRIED TO GET HELP BUT WE HAVE SOMEHOW FALLEN  
25 THROUGH THE CRACKS. EVERYONE WE'LL TELL OUR STORY TO IS



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1 HORRIFIED THAT THIS CAN HAPPEN IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY. YET  
2 THERE SEEMS TO BE NO EQUITABLE SOLUTION. THERE IS LEGISLATION  
3 TO PROTECT FLOATING HOMES, ARTICLES 800.70 AND FOLLOWING ALONG  
4 WITH THE CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE DESCRIBE SEVERAL REASONS FOR  
5 THIS ACTION. BEING AN EX-MILITARY PERSON, IT'S HARD FOR ME TO  
6 UNDERSTAND WHY THIS IS ALLOWED TO OCCUR. THE INTENT OF THE  
7 LEGISLATURE IS DEFINITELY TO PROTECT THE FLOATING HOMES FROM  
8 ARBITRARY EVICTION. WHEN SO MANY ARE LOSING THEIR HOMES AND  
9 THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO HELP THEM, HOW IS IT THAT WE, WHO  
10 OWE NO MONEY, WHO HAVE NEVER MISSED A RENT PAYMENT IN 12 YEARS  
11 CAN HAVE OUR HOME, WHICH IS CURRENTLY WORTH \$200,000 TAKEN BY  
12 MARINERS BAY WITHOUT DUE COMPENSATION? I HAVE DONE MY DUTY FOR  
13 MY COUNTRY. I HAVE PAID PROPERTY TAXES ON MY FLOATING HOME AS  
14 MY PRIMARY AND ONLY RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS. I HAVE  
15 WORKED ALL MY LIFE AND HAVE PAID TAXES TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY,  
16 STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. NOW AT 76  
17 YEARS OLD, AFTER WORKING ALL MY LIFE AND NO LONGER CAPABLE OF  
18 EARNING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO BUY ANOTHER PROPERTY, AFTER A  
19 DEVASTATING FIRE, MY RESTORED FLOATING HOME IS ALL I HAVE. MY  
20 GRIEF OVER THE FIRE AND THE LOSS OF OUR BELONGINGS IS  
21 MAGNIFIED 100 TIMES OVER BY THE TAKING OF OUR HOME. I REFER TO  
22 THE ARTICLE ENTITLED MARINA RESIDENTS RAISE ALLEGATIONS OF  
23 BLACK MARKET AND ON PAGE 7, OF THE ARGONAUT, APRIL 24TH, 2008  
24 EDITION, OUR SLIP IS AN END TIE AND WE ARE BEING PERSECUTED BY  
25 MARINERS BAY FOR THE VERY REASONS STATED IN THIS ARTICLE.



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1   THERE IS NO OTHER LOGICAL REASON FOR THIS CIRCUMSTANCE THAT WE  
2   FIND OURSELVES IN TODAY. MARINERS BAY CHARGES SET RATES PER  
3   FOOT FOR THEIR DOCK SPACE. THUS, THEY WOULD REPLACE OUR HOME  
4   WITH ANOTHER VESSEL FOR THE SAME RENTAL VALUE WE ARE PAYING.  
5   OBVIOUSLY, THERE ARE OTHER UNSPOKEN INCENTIVES THAT HAVE  
6   CAUSED THIS UNREASONABLE CONTACT TO OCCUR. THE COUNTY NEEDS TO  
7   STOP MANAGEMENT FROM DISCRIMINATORY AND RETALIATORY EVICTIONS  
8   BASED ON GREED, AND HELP THE TENANTS WHO HAVE BECOME VICTIMS  
9   OF UNSCRUPULOUS AND EMPOWERED DOCK MASTERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
10  ATTENTION.

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12  **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. SANTOS IS RIGHT  
13  OVER THERE AND YOU CAN TALK TO HIM. HE'S RIGHT THERE TALKING  
14  TO THE OTHER GENTLEMAN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT  
15  IT.

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17  **WILLIAM GREGORY:** THANK YOU.

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19  **NANCY RUBIN:** HI. GOOD MORNING, COUNTY SUPERVISORS. I HAVE  
20  SPOKEN WITH SANTOS. AND HE KNOWS THIS WHOLE STORY AS DOES  
21  EVERYBODY IN BEACHES AND HARBORS, AS WOULD HAVE SUPERVISOR DON  
22  KNABE AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. MY NAME IS NANCY RUBIN. I  
23  COME BEFORE YOU TO DEMONSTRATE SOME OF THE INJUSTICES  
24  PERPETRATED BY THE MANAGEMENT OF MARINERS BAY. MY HUSBAND  
25  STATED OUR CASE. THIS CANNOT BE MOVED. IT'S 1,800 SQUARE FEET.



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1 IT'S THREE FLOORS. IT HAS NO SELF--- THERE IS NO WAY TO MOVE  
2 THIS HOME. IT WAS BUILT IN THE MARINA. THERE IS A CODE THAT  
3 PROTECTS US, 800.70 AND FOLLOWING OF COUNTY ORDINANCES. THEY  
4 WERE ENACTED SPECIFICALLY TO PROTECT THESE TYPES OF HOMES.  
5 MANY SENIORS AND LOW INCOME PEOPLE ARE LIKELY TO BE LIVE  
6 ABOARDS ON ANY VESSEL IN THE MARINA. AND BECAUSE OF THIS, THEY  
7 SHOULD BE AFFORDED CERTAIN RIGHTS THAT HAVE BEEN PROPOSED AND  
8 WRITTEN BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.  
9 CURRENTLY I AM BEING ASKED TO PAY \$50 PER DAY AS STORAGE FEES  
10 BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN EVICTED FROM MY SLIP. THAT WOULD PUT MY  
11 SLIP AT \$1,500 PER MONTH. I WAS PAYING 850 AS OF DECEMBER  
12 2007, THAT INCLUDES LIVE ABOARD FEES. HAS THE AMOUNT DOUBLED  
13 IN FIVE MONTHS FOR ONLY IN STORAGE? I AM BRINGING BEFORE YOU  
14 SOME PICTURES TAKEN IN AUGUST. THIS WAS ANOTHER FLOATING HOME  
15 THAT WAS IN A FACILITY BEING REPAIRED. IT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AS  
16 OF APRIL 1ST, 2006 BY MARINERS BAY. IT WAS PUT IN FRONT OF ME  
17 IN MY DOCK. IT PROCEEDED TO REPAIR ITS ROOF. IT PROCEEDED TO  
18 REPAIR -- PAINT THE WHOLE OUTSIDE AND IT ALSO BUILT A DOCK,  
19 WHICH IS VERY OBVIOUS, IN THE FIRST PICTURES, THERE IS NO  
20 DOCK. THESE WERE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN AT MARINERS BAY. THE DOCK  
21 MASTER DID NOT INTERRUPT THESE REPAIRS. I HAVE A PICTURE WITH  
22 SAWDUST FLYING INTO THE WATER AND SAWDUST IN THE WATER. I HAD  
23 REPAIRED MY FLOATING HOME FROM A DEVASTATING FIRE THAT WE HAD.  
24 A FIRE WHERE WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN HELPED INSTEAD OF HINDERED.  
25 THREE MONTHS ALONG INTO THIS REPARATION, I WAS STOPPED FOR





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1 INTERIOR REPAIRS BY THE SAME DOCK MASTER THAT ALLOWED THESE  
2 REPAIRS, COMPLETE ROOF TO COME OFF, OUTSIDE REFIBERGLASSING,  
3 THE WHOLE FLOATING HOME THAT HAD BEEN BEFORE THAT IN A  
4 FACILITY WHERE THEY HAD DONE NO REPAIRS. I WAS TOLD I NEEDED  
5 TO GO TO A FACILITY TO REPAIR THE INTERIOR OF MY HOME. THAT IS  
6 ONE OF THE THINGS. THE SECOND THING BEING, AUGUST 16TH, 2006,  
7 I WAS SENT A LETTER WITH A 30-DAY NOTICE TO VACATE THE SLIP.  
8 VACATE THE SLIP. VERY DIFFICULT TO DO WHEN YOU HAVE NO PLACE  
9 ELSE TO GO IN THE MARINA. SEPTEMBER 14TH, I WAS SENT AN  
10 ENVELOPE WITH MY SEPTEMBER RENT CHECK RETURNED BY MARINERS  
11 BAY. OCTOBER 16TH, 2006 I WAS SENT A THREE DAY PAY OR QUIT  
12 NOTICE AS MY RENT HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED. NOVEMBER 13TH, 2006,  
13 MARINERS BAY CLAIMED THEY DID NOT KNOW MY ADDRESS SO THEY DID  
14 NOT SERVE ME WITH AN UNLAWFUL DETAINER. I NEVER SAW AN  
15 UNLAWFUL DETAINER UNTIL AUGUST 2007 BECAUSE THEY DID NOT KNOW  
16 MY WHEREABOUTS. MY FLOATING HOME WAS THERE. IT COULD HAVE BEEN  
17 POSTED. I HAVE ENVELOPES WITH MY ADDRESS ON IT. I BELIEVE THAT  
18 THERE IS A CONFUSION ABOUT RETALIATORY EVICTIONS IN THE  
19 MARINA, NOT JUST MYSELF. BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN MANY, MANY  
20 OTHERS TO DO THIS.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I ASSUME YOU FILED A LAWSUIT, RIGHT?

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24 **NANCY RUBIN:** PARDON?

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAVE YOU FILED A LAWSUIT?

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3    **NANCY RUBIN:** THE LAWSUIT WAS FILED. I UNFORTUNATELY COULD NOT  
4    AFFORD ANY KIND OF A LAWYER. A FRIEND HELPED ME. NEVER HAVING  
5    RECEIVED AN UNLAWFUL DETAINER, I DID NOT FEEL THAT THERE WAS A  
6    NEED FOR A LEGAL PERSON. I WENT TO COURT TWICE. I WAS NEVER  
7    EVEN SHOWN AN UNLAWFUL RETAINER. I WAS SERVED WITH THE  
8    UNLAWFUL DETAINER AT THE COURT ONE YEAR LATER. I WAS SHOWN  
9    THIS. THIS IS PRACTICES FROM MARINERS BAY THAT THEY ARE NOT  
10   PROPER. I WAS SENT MY CHECKS BACK THREE DAYS AFTER I WAS IN  
11   COURT FOR AN UNLAWFUL DETAINER, I WAS GIVEN A THREE-DAY PAY OR  
12   QUIT NOTICE THAT I HAD NOT PAID THE RENT. THEY HELD MY CHECKS  
13   AS I PAID WITH A CASHIER'S CHECK. PLEASE PERMIT ME. ONE  
14   SECOND. I PAID WITH A CASHIER'S CHECK. TWO DAYS LATER THEY  
15   PROCEEDED TO PUT MY CHECKS THAT THEY TOLD ME THEY HAD NOT  
16   RECEIVED THROUGH THE BANK. ONE CLEARED AND ONE DIDN'T BECAUSE  
17   I PUT A STOP PAYMENT. THESE PRACTICES ARE NOT SHOWING GOOD  
18   FAITH ON THE PART OF MARINERS BAY. WE NEED HELP. THEY CANNOT  
19   MOVE. THEY ARE GOING TO TAKE MY HOME, IT IS EVERYTHING I HAVE,  
20   IF SOMEBODY DOESN'T INTERVENE. THE LEGAL SYSTEM DID NOT -- I  
21   WAS NOT ALLOWED TO GET THREE MINUTES IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM.  
22   THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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24   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. SANTOS IS OVER THERE.

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1    **NANCY RUBIN:** I'VE BEEN TO SANTOS.

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3    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S THE ONLY THING I CAN SUGGEST.

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5    **NANCY RUBIN:** I NEED TO THROW MYSELF ON THE MERCY OF SUPERVISOR  
6    KNABE AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WHO KNOW, HAVE BEEN TOLD  
7    ABOUT THIS. IT'S HORRIBLE. WE DON'T HAVE -- WE ARE TWO OLD  
8    PEOPLE AND WE'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING. I PAID RENT ON TIME FOR  
9    12 YEARS. AND THIS IS NOT A HOUSE THAT CAN BE MOVED.

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11    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SPEAK TO MR. SANTOS. AND I'M SURE MR. KNABE  
12    HAS SOMEONE HERE.

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14    **NANCY RUBIN:** MR. KNABE SUGGESTED THAT THERE BE MEDIATION  
15    BETWEEN MYSELF AND MARINERS BAY. SANTOS ACTUALLY DISCOVERED  
16    THAT MARINERS BAY WILL NOT -- WILL NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO  
17    WITH MEDIATION. THEY WANT ME OUT. I CAN'T MOVE. THE ONLY THING  
18    THEY DO IS DO A LIEN SALE AND TAKE MY PROPERTY. I THINK IN  
19    THESE DAYS IT'S INEQUALITY AND DISCRIMINATION.

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21    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAYBE THE COUNTY COUNSEL CAN REFER YOU TO  
22    SOME LEGAL COUNSEL OR SOMETHING.

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24    **NANCY RUBIN:** THERE IS NO LEGAL COUNSEL. I HAVE BEEN TO EVERY  
25    LEGAL COUNSEL. LEGAL AID.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS IT YOU WANT US TO DO?

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4 **NANCY RUBIN:** I FEEL THAT THERE IS SOMETHING GOING ON IN THE  
5 MARINA. THERE IS A BLACK MARKET.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'VE MENTIONED THAT. WE GOT YOUR LETTERS  
8 ON THAT, TOO. AND WE'RE GOING TO LOOK INTO THAT. BUT, I MEAN,  
9 WE'RE TRYING TO HELP BY PUTTING YOU IN TOUCH WITH THE PERSON  
10 WHO RUNS THE DEPARTMENT. AND I WOULD SUGGEST YOU TAKE US UP ON  
11 THAT.

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13 **NANCY RUBIN:** I BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE MEDIATION SO THAT I  
14 DON'T LOSE MY HOME.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, ONE THING IS CONSUMER AFFAIRS HAS  
17 MEDIATION PEOPLE IF YOU WANT TO GO DOWN TO CONSUMER AFFAIRS IF  
18 YOU FEEL AS THOUGH THERE'S FRAUD INVOLVED OR SOMETHING. WE CAN  
19 HAVE SOMEONE FROM CONSUMER AFFAIRS. FIRST TALK TO MR. SANTOS.  
20 AND THEN YOU CAN TALK TO SOMEONE AT CONSUMER AFFAIRS IF IT'S A  
21 MATTER THAT IT'S A FRAUD INVOLVED AT ALL.

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23 **NANCY RUBIN:** OKAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR EXTRA TIME.  
24 THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY ARE LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT. AND THEY  
2   DO HAVE MEDIATION. MARCO MCFARLAND.

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4   **MARC STERN:** MARC STERN?

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6   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MARC STERN, YES. MARC STERN. ARNOLD SACHS,  
7   OMAR DURAND? MR. STERN?

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9   **MARC STERN:** IT WAS ON THE SAME TOPIC. I WAS A VICTIM, LIKE I  
10   SAID, PRIOR TO A VIOLENT CRIME IN '85 AND 2004. AND THEN I  
11   BECAME, UNDER TITLE 2 OF THE A.D.A., THE GOVERNMENT IS  
12   SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS. THE COUNTY IS OBLIGATED  
13   UNDER THE A.D.A. THEY HAVE MADE IT -- THEY HAVE LEASED OUT THE  
14   PROPERTY, SUBLET IT TO A THIRD-PARTIES WHICH HAVE BEEN  
15   OBLIVIOUS TO THE DISABLED NEEDS. LOCKED INTO S.S.I./S.S.D.I. I  
16   MOVED FROM MY HOUSE, WELL I WAS FORCED OUT OF MY HOUSE BECAUSE  
17   I COULDN'T -- BECAUSE OF MY DISABILITY I COULD NOT PAY, THEY  
18   FORECLOSED ON MY HOUSE. THEN I MOVED TO MY BOAT. AND AT THAT  
19   POINT, I LIVED THERE. AND I'VE PAID RENT SINCE 1964 I'VE BEEN  
20   IN THE MARINA, BEFORE IT WAS EVEN DEVELOPED. AND I'VE HAD FOUR  
21   BOATS THERE AND HAVE PAID CONTINUOUSLY IN A 30-FOOT SLIP. UP  
22   UNTIL 1970, THE BOAT SLIPS WERE \$30 FOR A 30-FOOT SLIP. ALL OF  
23   A SUDDEN NOW I GOT AN INCREASE OF 300 PERCENT. I HAVE  
24   CASHIER'S CHECKS HERE THAT I GAVE THEM TO ESSEX WHEN ESSEX  
25   MANAGEMENT TOOK OVER FROM SNYDER DEVELOPMENT OR WHATEVER IT



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1 WAS. AND PRIOR TO THAT IT WAS MARINA CITY CLUB. I HAD NO  
2 PROBLEM WITH AFFORDABILITY. BUT NOW AS A DISABLED PERSON ON  
3 S.S.I. AND S.S.D.I., THE COUNTY HAS VIOLATED MY CIVIL RIGHTS  
4 BY ALLOWING THIRD PARTIES TO PERPETRATE HATRED AND BIAS  
5 AGAINST PEOPLE WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES. THEY ARE  
6 COCONSPIRATORS IN THE THE ADVANCEMENT OF HATRED TO PEOPLE WITH  
7 MENTAL DISABILITIES AND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PERSIST. I  
8 WILL PROCEED, IF I CAN'T GET THIS ALLEVIATED PRESENTLY, I'LL  
9 BRING CHARGES WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AGAINST  
10 ACCESS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES IN THE GOVERNMENT.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. STERN, MR. SANTOS IS OVER THERE. HE CAN  
13 TALK TO YOU.

14

15 **MARC STONE:** I APPRECIATE IT BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN NO ONE THAT  
16 HAS HELPED.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE'S THERE AND HE'LL TALK TO YOU.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. YES, SIR.

23

24 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS MARCO  
25 MCFARLANE, MY MOTHER'S NAME IS AGNES MCFARLANE. THIS IS MY



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1 SECOND VISIT TO THIS BOARD. THIS IS MY SECOND VISIT TO THIS  
2 BOARD. AND THE FIRST, I LIVE IN MISS BURKE'S DISTRICT. I LIVE  
3 IN MISS BURKE'S DISTRICT, AND AS A RESULT OF THE FIRST VISIT,  
4 MISS BURKE'S STAFF WAS VERY AGGRESSIVE IN STOPPING THE SALE OF  
5 OUR HOME. WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN'S OFFICE.  
6 NOW, THE LAST VISIT THAT WE HAD WITH MISS BURKE'S STAFF WITH  
7 THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN'S OFFICE THEY WERE TRYING TO ARRANGE A  
8 REVERSE MORTGAGE ON OUR PROPERTY. AND I NEED TO SAY THAT MISS  
9 BURKE'S STAFF WAS JUST THERE TO MEDIATE, NOT TO CONDUCT THE  
10 MEETING. WE REFUSED TO GO ALONG WITH THAT BECAUSE THEY WANTED  
11 US TO TAKE OUT THE MORTGAGE AND WE DIDN'T FEEL THAT WE SHOULD  
12 BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXPENSES. SECONDLY, THEIR ACCOUNTING  
13 INDICATES THAT THEY WERE PAYING INSURANCE ON THE PROPERTY, SO  
14 WE THOUGHT THE INSURANCE SHOULD PAY FOR IT. THIRDLY, THE  
15 PEOPLE THAT WERE GIVING THIS MORTGAGE, THEY ONLY GAVE US THEIR  
16 FIRST NAME. THEY NEVER GAVE US THE INSTITUTION THEY  
17 REPRESENTED OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. NOW, I SAID THAT TO  
18 PROCEED. AT THAT POINT, MISS BURKE'S STAFF TOLD US THEY COULD  
19 DO NO MORE FOR US. I WAS HAVING A DIALOGUE WITH A MEMBER OF  
20 MR. ANTONOVICH'S STAFF AND THAT PERSON SUGGESTED THAT I SPEAK  
21 TO SHEILA SHIMA, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE C.E.O.  
22 MISS SHIMA WAS VERY GRACIOUS IN RECEIVING ME. AND SHE SPOKE TO  
23 ME. SHE ARRANGED FOR A SECOND MEETING WITH ME AND MY MOTHER.  
24 AND SHE PROVIDED PARKING FOR US. WE SPOKE. SHE ARRANGED FOR A  
25 THIRD MEETING WITH MY MOTHER AND I AND THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN'S





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1 OFFICE. SHORTLY AFTER LEAVING THE MEETING, THE SECOND MEETING  
2 WITH MY MOTHER, WE WENT BACK TO THE CARE FACILITY FOR PERSONAL  
3 HYGIENE PURPOSES AND WE INTENDED TO BUY A BAG LUNCH AND GO OUT  
4 TO THE OCEAN AND HAVE LUNCH. BUT WE WERE TOLD THAT THE PUBLIC  
5 GUARDIAN SAID THAT MY MOTHER WAS NO LONGER ABLE TO LEAVE THE  
6 FACILITY WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THEM. THIS IS, WHAT?  
7 30 MINUTES AFTER WE SAW MISS SHIMA. OKAY. MY MOTHER WAS  
8 SCREAMING. SHE WAS IN PAIN. AND SHE WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE  
9 NURSING FACILITY FOR A URINARY TRACT INFECTION. SHE WAS  
10 ADMITTED TO METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL INTO THE PSYCHIATRIC WARD  
11 FOR THREE DAYS. WHEN I FOUND HER SHE WAS BOUND ALL FOUR LIMBS.  
12 SHE'S PARALYZED ON TWO SIDES. BUT SHE WAS BOUND, ALL FOUR  
13 LIMBS. SHE HADN'T BEEN FED FOR THREE DAYS, NO FOOD OR WATER. I  
14 GOT IN TOUCH WITH THE DOCTOR THAT WAS TREATING HER. HIS NAME  
15 IS ALLEN MARKY. AND I ASKED HIM WELL, HE'S A PSYCHIATRIST BY  
16 THE WAY. I ASKED HIM WHY ARE YOU THE PERSON TAKING CARE OF MY  
17 MOTHER IF YOU'RE A PSYCHIATRIST AND SHE HAS A MEDICAL PROBLEM?  
18 HE GOT UP AND WALKED AWAY. I GOT IN TOUCH WITH THE STAFF OF  
19 THE HOSPITAL AND THEY SAID THAT THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN'S OFFICE  
20 WAS FULLY AWARE OF WHERE MY MOTHER WAS AND THAT I SHOULD LEAVE  
21 THE PREMISES BEFORE I GOT ARRESTED. MY MOTHER LEFT THAT  
22 FACILITY --

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP. WHERE IS YOUR MOTHER NOW?

25



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1 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** MY MOTHER'S IN A NURSING HOME. BUT I NEED TO  
2 SAY THIS BECAUSE WE HAVE A PROBLEM THAT'S ONGOING. MY MOTHER  
3 HAS A FEEDING TUBE IN HER SIDE AND SHE'S ABLE TO EAT. WE'VE  
4 BEEN TRYING TO GET THAT TUBE OUT OF THERE FOR OVER SIX MONTHS.  
5 BUT THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN HAS DECIDED THAT THE TUBE SHOULD STAY  
6 THERE.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** LAWYER?

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10 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** A LAWYER. MISS, I WAS TOLD BY ONE OF YOUR  
11 STAFF --

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU HAVE A LAWYER?

14

15 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** THAT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIND A LAWYER WITH  
16 THE TALENT OR ASSETS. NO MA'AM. I SPENT A LOT OF MONEY DOING  
17 THIS ALREADY.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU ALREADY HAD A LAWYER? YOU SPENT MONEY ON A  
20 LAWYER?

21

22 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** YES, MA'AM. BUT NONE OF THEM WOULD REPRESENT.  
23 I WAS TOLD BY ONE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL PERSONS THAT I WILL  
24 NOT FIND A LAWYER WITH THE ASSETS, RESOURCES, OR TALENT OF  
25 YOUR OFFICE THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH THIS. THERE ARE



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1 PICTURES THAT I DISTRIBUTED TO YOU. THOSE PICTURES WERE TAKEN  
2 WITH A CELL PHONE.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR, A LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP IS ESTABLISHED NOT BY  
5 US, AS YOU KNOW.

6

7 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** I'M AWARE OF THAT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THE ONLY PERSON THAT COULD HELP YOU ARE THE  
10 COURTS.

11

12 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** I'M BACK TO THIS POINT BECAUSE MISS BURKE'S  
13 STAFF --

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR. WAIT A MINUTE. BUT YOU TOLD ME THIS STORY  
16 AND I AM TRYING TO FOLLOW IT, OKAY? MISS SHIMA DOES NOT CREATE  
17 ANY CHANGE WHATSOEVER. THEY CAN ONLY ACCESS RESOURCES. IT  
18 SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR US TO DO SOMETHING FOR  
19 YOU.

20

21 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** YES, I AM.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE  
24 CANNOT. CANNOT.

25



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1 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** I WAS TOLD BY STAFF MEMBERS OF MISS BURKE  
2 THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PROCEED ANY FURTHER.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** NONE OF US HAVE.

5

6 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** WELL, YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT MY PROBLEM  
7 IS.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR, I THINK THAT ONE OF THE PROBLEMS IS THAT YOU  
10 NEED TO GET CONTROL OF YOUR MOTHER IS WHAT YOU WANT.

11

12 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** YES, THAT'S ONE OF THEM.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. WE CANNOT DO THAT FOR YOU.

15

16 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** HAVE YOU SEEN THOSE PICTURES?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, WE CANNOT DO THAT FOR YOU.

19

20 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** MA'AM, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR, I AM NOT A JUDGE OF THIS. OKAY, IF YOU WANT  
23 TO ARGUE, THEN I'M GOING TO FIND A NEW PERSON TO ARGUE WITH.  
24 I'M TRYING TO ASSIST YOU.

25



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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE ONLY THING I CAN SUGGEST, YOU SAY SHE'S  
2    IN A NURSING HOME AT THIS POINT.

3

4    **MARCO MCFARLANE:** DID ANY OF YOU LOOK AT THOSE PICTURES?

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6    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I LOOKED AT THE PICTURES.

7

8    **MARCO MCFARLANE:** WELL, THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN SAID THERE WAS  
9    NOTHING WRONG WITH MY MOTHER. I FINALLY HAD TO CALL THE  
10    AMBULANCE. AFTER MONTHS WATCHING MY MOTHER ROT, THEY TOOK HER  
11    TO THE EMERGENCY WARD. THERE ARE MORE EXPLICIT PHOTOGRAPHS  
12    TAKEN OF HER BODY.

13

14    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHERE IS SHE NOW?

15

16    **MARCO MCFARLANE:** SHE IS IN A NURSING HOME STILL.

17

18    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND YOU DON'T WANT HER IN THE  
19    NURSING HOME?

20

21    **MARCO MCFARLANE:** SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE THERE. SHE SHOULD HAVE  
22    NEVER BEEN THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

23

24    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHERE DO YOU WANT HER TO BE?

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1 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** SHE SHOULD BE AT HOME.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AS ILL AS SHE IS?

4

5 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** YOUR STAFF ATTEMPTED TO DO THAT.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, AT THIS POINT, THE ONLY THING I CAN  
8 SUGGEST IS THAT EITHER YOU TALK TO SOMEONE IN COMMUNITY AND  
9 SENIOR CITIZENS. IS ANYONE HERE FROM CYNTHIA?

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11 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** MISS BURKE DID YOU LOOK AT THOSE PICTURES?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I LOOKED AT THE PICTURES.

14

15 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THEM?

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE SHOULD BE  
18 IN A NURSING HOME.

19

20 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** WHICH PICTURES ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? ARE YOU  
21 SEEING HER BODY?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOST PEOPLE -- WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M NOT  
24 A PHYSICIAN. I CANNOT EVALUATE WHAT HER CARE SHOULD BE.  
25 HOWEVER, WE CAN REFER YOU TO A COUPLE OF PEOPLE. IF THERE'S



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1 SOMEONE HERE FROM SENIOR CITIZENS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, THEY  
2 CAN TALK TO YOU TO SEE IF THERE IS SOME OTHER ALTERNATIVE. THE  
3 PUBLIC GUARDIAN IS THE ONE WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY. I THINK  
4 WE'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME ON THIS.

5

6 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** WE HAVE. WE HAVE.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN, THE ONLY WAY THE  
9 PUBLIC GUARDIAN IS GOING TO BE REMOVED IS WHEN YOU GO INTO  
10 COURT. AND FROM TIME TO TIME THEY HAVE HEARINGS. THEY'LL  
11 LISTEN TO YOU WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR HEARING.

12

13 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** NO, THEY WON'T.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, GET AN ATTORNEY. EVEN IF YOU DON'T  
16 THINK ANYONE HAS THE TALENT. GET AN ATTORNEY TO GO IN WITH  
17 YOU. THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN SAY TO YOU. THANK YOU. IF YOU  
18 WANT TO HAVE SOMEONE FROM COMMUNITY AND SENIOR CITIZENS, THEY  
19 CAN TALK TO YOU. MAYBE THEY HAVE AN ATTORNEY THEY CAN REFER  
20 YOU TO.

21

22 **MARCO MCFARLANE:** WELL I DON'T FEEL THAT YOU LISTEN TO WHAT WE  
23 HAVE TO SAY.

24





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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU KNOW WHAT? WE'RE ONLY ALLOWED SO  
2   MUCH TIME. THE ORANGE LIGHT CAME ON. YOUR TIME EXPIRED FOR US.

3

4   **MARCO MCFARLANE:** THIS DIDN'T HAPPEN IN THREE MINUTES.

5

6   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND.

7

8   **MARCO MCFARLANE:** AND MY MOTHER'S SUFFERING RIGHT NOW AS WE  
9   SPEAK. SHE'S BEING GIVEN MEDICATION AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT  
10  IS. SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT IT IS.

11

12  **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL ONE OF THE THINGS IS THAT  
13  WE DO HAVE PEOPLE WHO REGULATE THE NURSING HOMES.

14

15  **MARCO MCFARLANE:** AND THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN SAYS THAT WE'RE NOT  
16  TO BE HOLD AND SHE'S NOT TO BE TOLD.

17

18  **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE FROM OUR  
19  STAFF HAVE THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN GIVE YOU THE NAME OF THE  
20  MEDICINE. CAN WE DO THAT? HAVE SOMEONE FROM THE PUBLIC  
21  GUARDIAN ADVISE HIM OF THE NAME OF THE MEDICATION SHE'S  
22  TAKING. ALL RIGHT. YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND THEN WE  
23  HAVE JOHN LUCERO, OMAR DURAN?

24

25  **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS AGAIN.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GEORGE ROGER SIEGEL. COME FORWARD. PLEASE  
3 STATE YOUR NAME.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THE NEXT PERSON IS PATRICIA RAYE. ALL  
8 RIGHT. YOU'RE HERE. OKAY. PLEASE GO FORWARD.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** READY? THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS  
11 AGAIN. AND I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR STARTING OFF THIS  
12 COUNCIL SESSION WITH YOUR DISCUSSION REGARDING THE COURT'S  
13 OVERTURNING THE BAN ON SAME SEX MARRIAGES. BUT THAT WOULD  
14 BRING ME BACK TO THE SAME POINT THAT I BROUGHT UP A COUPLE  
15 WEEKS AGO REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION  
16 AUTHORITIES AND THE FUNDING THAT'S GOING DOWN THE DRAIN BASED  
17 ON THE WASTE THERE. PLEASE, EDUCATE THE PUBLIC. THE STATE  
18 LEGISLATURE ENACTED THE BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY.  
19 THROUGH SOME WONDROUS IDEA, THE LINE, THE CONSTRUCTION  
20 AUTHORITY THAT WAS ENACTED BY THE STATE WAS TO GO FROM UNION  
21 STATION TO SIERRA MADRE VILLA, AND IT WAS WRITTEN THIS WAY.  
22 AND THEN FROM SIERRA MADRE VILLA OUT TO CLAREMONT SOMEWHERE  
23 REGARDING THAT. SOMEBODY CAME UP WITH A "BRAINFUL" THOUGHT TO  
24 CHANGE THE COLOR TO THE GOLD LINE. AND THEN ENACTED THE GOLD  
25 LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. THEY ALSO ENACTED THE FOOTHILL



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1 CONSTRUCTION, THE GOLD LINE FOOTHILL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY TO  
2 COVER THE SAME EXACT DISTANCES THAT WERE MENTIONED BY THE  
3 STATE LEGISLATURE. WAS THERE A DISCUSSION REGARDING THAT IN  
4 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS? WAS THERE A DISCUSSION  
5 REGARDING THAT AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT  
6 AUTHORITY? IT WAS VOTED ON. CONGRATULATIONS. HOW DID YOU VOTE?  
7 DON'T YOU FIND THAT REDUNDANT? THERE IS SOME PEOPLE WRITING  
8 SOME EDITORIALS LATELY REGARDING M.L.K. HOSPITAL. AND THE L.A.  
9 TIMES IS WRITING AN EDITORIAL REGARDING THEIR CHOICE TO TAKE  
10 OVER THE SEAT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, NOT TO REPLACE YOU, MISS  
11 BURKE. CAN'T HAPPEN. WHERE ARE THEY WHEN THIS KIND OF STUFF  
12 COMES UP? THEY BROUGHT IT TO THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION WHEN THERE  
13 WAS A PROBLEM WITH THE CONSTRUCTION, THE CONCRETE FALLING DOWN  
14 ON THE NEWLY BUILT GOLD LINE. THEY BROUGHT OUT THE FACT THAT  
15 THE BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY EXISTED. THEY BROUGHT OUT  
16 THAT THE PASADENA CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY EXISTED. DON'T THEY  
17 HAVE ANY REGARD TO FOLLOW-UP AND ASK QUESTIONS LIKE THAT?  
18 TODAY ALSO ON YOUR AGENDA, ITEM 62-B, AND EXCUSE ME FOR  
19 MISSING THAT. YOU APPOINTED SOMEBODY TO THE SUNSHINE COUNTY  
20 LANDFILL LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. WILL HE BE OVERSEEING AN  
21 AGENCY THAT COUNTS 66,000 TONS OR THE ACTUAL 72,600 TONS, AND  
22 A DIFFERENCE THAT HAS NEVER BEEN EXPLAINED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
23 TIME AND YOUR ANSWERS AGAIN.  
24



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COULD SOMEONE CALL AND SEE IF  
2   SOMEONE FROM CONSUMER AFFAIRS CAN COME OUT AND TALK TO THE  
3   PEOPLE OVER HERE? CHARLES SIMPSON, LINA PHILLIPS, AND GRACIE  
4   TAYLOR. ALL RIGHT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. IT'S YOUR TURN.

5

6   **PATRICIA LEE RAYE DUTILLEUX:** OKAY. HOW DO YOU DO?

7

8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PATRICIA LEE RAYE?

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10   **PATRICIA LEE RAYE DUTILLEUX:** YES. AND I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT  
11   I'M VERY PRIVILEGED AND HONORED TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU. I AM  
12   LOOKING AT THE WALLS AND THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE BY THE  
13   PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH. AND  
14   I WONDER WHETHER THAT REGARDS THE SEA. I'M A SEA CAPTAIN. I  
15   LIVE ON THE SEA. AND I LIVE AT ANCHOR OUT ON AN UNDESIGNATED  
16   ANCHOR WHICH WAS TAKEN, THE DESIGNATED ANCHOR, BY THE SHERIFF  
17   MARINA DEL REY. PLEASE EXCUSE ME. I'M RATHER EMOTIONAL. I BACK  
18   UP THAT WOMAN. I HAD MY SLIPS TAKEN. AND I HAVE, BY BEACHES  
19   AND HARBOR AND THE SHERIFFS AND THE DEVELOPERS AND THE POWERS  
20   THAT BE, RING BROTHERS AND GENGRICH, PARTICULARLY, THEN CAST  
21   TO THE SEA. ALL RIGHT. THEY GAVE ME, WHICH CAN YOU FIGURE,  
22   LONGITUDE AND LATITUDE, WHICH IS THE FIRST BUNCH OF PALM TREES  
23   AND A RED ROOF. AS OF 1927, IF YOU CHECK IT ON PILOT'S GUIDE,  
24   IT IS A DESIGNATED ANCHORAGE, PALONA CREEK CREEK. I HAVE LIVED  
25   THERE FOR OVER EIGHT YEARS. AND I WAS TOLD TO LEAVE BY DEPUTY



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1 OFFICER CARVALO WITH EVICTION NOTICES. AND I'VE LIVED THERE  
2 AND I'VE TAKEN CARE WHENEVER THEY KICK -- WELL, THEY REFURBISH  
3 A PARTICULAR BASIN IN THE HARBOR, THEY KICK THOSE BOATS OUT TO  
4 MY ANCHORAGE. THEY CALL ME QUEEN OF PIRATES. BECAUSE I DO NOT  
5 -- I USE PIRATE SLIPS, ALL RIGHT? BECAUSE DURING A -- NOT A  
6 RED FLAG, BUT WHAT SHOULD BE AN AMBER, IT'S DANGEROUS. IT'S  
7 VERY DANGEROUS. AND LET ME EXPLAIN IT THIS WAY. IF THERE'S A  
8 50-MILE WIND, YOUR HOUSE IS NOT GOING TO FALL INTO THE EARTH.  
9 AND MAYBE YOU'RE GOING TO GET KICKED ON YOUR REAR END, YOU  
10 KNOW, BUT YOU WILL NOT LOSE YOUR LIFE. YOU WILL NOT LOSE YOUR  
11 PROPERTY. YOU WILL NOT LOSE YOUR BELONGINGS. YOU ARE IN REALLY  
12 NO DANGER. NOW, LET ME TELL YOU. I'M IN GREAT DANGER. AND THE  
13 COAST GUARD CAME TO ME AND TOLD ME AFTER CARVALO GAVE US ALL  
14 THE EVICTION NOTICES THAT I WAS A NAVIGATIONAL HAZARD. OH, I  
15 LOVE THAT. BECAUSE LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING. THEY TOLD ME I  
16 WAS A NAVIGATIONAL HAZARD AT BOLOGNA. WHEN THEY WENT TO DO THE  
17 DREDGING THREE YEARS AGO IN MARCH, THOSE TANKERS NEVER WENT  
18 THERE. AND THEY SIMPLY TOOK MY SEE AWAY. AND ON TOP OF IT  
19 BEACHES AND HARBOR WILL NOT ALLOW ME DUSTY CRANE, STAN  
20 WINITSKI, ROGER MOLIERE, I HAVE THREE MORE MINUTES MY FRIEND  
21 DONATED IT. WILL NOT ALLOW ME TO GO TO LAND, ALL RIGHT?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

24



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1 **PATRICIA LEE RAYE DUTILLEUX:** DUSTY CRANE. NO, I HAVE THREE  
2 MORE MINUTES.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, I'M SORRY, YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED.

5

6 **PATRICIA LEE RAYE DUTILLEUX:** I HAD THREE DONATED.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, YOU CAN'T. UNFORTUNATELY YOU CAN'T DO  
9 THAT. HE CAN COME UP AND SPEAK IF HE WANTS TO. I'M SORRY. WE  
10 HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE WAITING HERE.

11

12 **PATRICIA LEE RAYE DUTILLEUX:** I DON'T LIKE THAT ALL RIGHT?  
13 ACCORDING TO -- YOU CANNOT DISCRIMINATE, BLACK LIST, BOYCOTT,  
14 NOR TAKE THE CIVIL RIGHTS AWAY FROM ANY ONE PERSON ON ANY  
15 COUNTY DOCK NOR COUNTY FACILITY BY ANY DOCK MASTER NOR COUNTY  
16 WORKER, NOR AUTHORITIES. NOW --

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THERE'S SOMEONE OVER HERE WHO  
19 WILL SPEAK TO YOU.

20

21 **PATRICIA LEE RAYE DUTILLEUX:** THEY LIE. AND THEY'RE DIRTY. THE  
22 SHERIFFS ARE DIRTY.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

25



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1   **CHARLES SIMPSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CHARLES SIMPSON.  
2   I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. ONCE AGAIN,  
3   I'M HERE SEEKING JUSTICE, A BETTER WAY OF LIFE FOR MY FAMILY  
4   AND I INSIDE THE CITY OF LA MIRADA, FOURTH SUPERVISOR  
5   DISTRICT, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I AM NOT ASKING THE BOARD OR  
6   THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO TAKE ON A CIVIL RIGHTS CASE AGAINST THE  
7   CITY OF LA MIRADA. WE ARE SEEKING A RULING OR SOME TYPE OF  
8   LETTER, RIGHT TO SUE LETTER, BASED UPON THE EVIDENCE AND THE  
9   DOCUMENTS PRESENTED, PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED SUPERVISOR BURKE.  
10   SUPERVISOR BURKE AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT,  
11   THIS BOARD DOES HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THE CITY OF LA MIRADA  
12   IN FOURTH COUNTY DISTRICT. HOWEVER, STATING THAT THE BOARD  
13   DOES NOT HAVE JURISDICTION BY YOU AND COUNTY COUNSEL IS NOT  
14   TRUE AND A FALSIFICATION BEFORE THE PEOPLE AND THE CITIZENS OF  
15   THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE L.A. COUNTY IS ONE OF 27  
16   COUNTIES WAS ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 18TH, 1850 BY THE STATE  
17   LEGISLATURE. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS CREATED BY THE STATE  
18   LEGISLATURE IN 1852 AND IS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THIS COUNTY.  
19   THE BOARD HAS EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND QUASI ROLES IN  
20   SERVING THE PEOPLE AND CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY. THAT'S ALL THE  
21   CITIZENS. I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
22   ORGANIZATIONAL CHART. AND YOU START DOWN HERE WAY DOWN HERE  
23   WHERE THERE IS COUNTY TREASURER AND YOU ALSO LOOK AT MY  
24   PROPERTY TAX AND YOU WILL SEE THAT I HAVE BEEN PAYING INTO THE  
25   COUNTY TAXES SINCE 1988. AND THEN YOU GO UP HERE TO THE CHIEF





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1 EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND TO THE BOARD. AND THEN I SEE SOMEBODY  
2 ABOVE YOU ALL WHICH IS THE ELECTORATE. I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE  
3 ME WHO ARE THE ELECTORATE AND HOW I MIGHT GET IN CONTACT WITH  
4 THEM, AND ALSO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE CITY COUNCIL. IN  
5 DEALING WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODES I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT  
6 OR ADDRESS SPECIFICALLY TITLE 2 ADMINISTRATION AND TITLE 4  
7 REVENUE AND FINANCES, WHICH I HAVE BEEN PAYING INTO COUNTY  
8 TAXES SYSTEM WHICH THESE FUNDS GO TO THE RACIST CITY OF LA  
9 MIRADA IN DENYING ME MY RIGHTS. ALSO, I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT  
10 THAT THE CITY IS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND IT SAYS  
11 LA MIRADA, MARCH 23RD, 1960, UNDER GENERAL LAW. SOMEBODY TELL  
12 ME WHAT THE GENERAL LAW IS. ALSO, THEY ARE IN CHRONOLOGICAL  
13 ORDER, THE CITY OF LA MIRADA IS NUMBER 68 OF INCORPORATION.  
14 ALSO THERE IS THE ROSTER OF CITY OFFICIALS FOR LOS ANGELES  
15 COUNTY. THE CITY OF LA MIRADA IS LISTED HERE ALONG WITH THE  
16 RACIST CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITY MANAGER. BUT HOWEVER THEY ARE  
17 NOT LISTED UNDER UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND I KNOW I DON'T HAVE  
18 TIME BUT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THE L.A. COUNTY CHARTER  
19 SECTION 1, 2, 3, 5 AND 10 AND 11. I WON'T GO INTO THEM, BUT  
20 THEY BASICALLY SAY THAT STATE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DO HAVE  
21 JURISDICTION.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, SIR, WE ARE BOUND BY WHAT OUR  
24 COUNTY COUNSEL TELLS US. HE IS OUR ATTORNEY. HE HAS ADVISED US  
25 WE HAVE NO JURISDICTION. AS A RESULT, WE CANNOT ACT OUTSIDE OF



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1 THAT. THANK YOU. BUT YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY  
2 MUCH. I APPRECIATE THAT.

3

4 **CHARLES SIMPSON:** WELL, CAN I HAVE A WORD WITH THE COUNTY  
5 COUNSEL?

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO. YOU CAN HAVE AN ATTORNEY COME AND TRY  
8 AND FILE WHATEVER KIND OF WRIT OF MANDATE OR WHATEVER FOR US  
9 TO DO IT. AT THIS POINT OUR COUNTY COUNSEL ADVISED US WE HAVE  
10 NO JURISDICTION.

11

12 **CHARLES SIMPSON:** YOU ARE JUST SERVING A FEW WHITE PEOPLE. YOU  
13 ARE NOT SERVING THE BLACK PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.  
16 WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME?

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18 **LINA PHILLIP:** MY NAME IS LINA PHILLIP FROM MINA MANOR. I WAS  
19 HERE LAST WEEK WITH A BUNCH OF GROUP HOMES. AND THE REASON WHY  
20 I'M HERE IS TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION  
21 REGARDING PUTTING US, LIFTING US ON DO NOT ON HOLD STATUS.  
22 FINALLY WE WERE ABLE TO GET CHILDREN FROM DEPARTMENT OF  
23 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES LAST FRIDAY. I'M SPEAKING WITH  
24 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES BECAUSE I THINK  
25 WITH PROBATION, THEY'RE STILL ON DO NOT REFER STATUS OR THEY



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1 CANNOT GET CHILDREN FROM PROBATION. AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
2 FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP. AND  
3 WE'RE HERE TO SYMPATHY BUT WE ARE MERELY LOOKING AFTER THE  
4 BENEFITS OF THE CHILDREN TO SAFEGUARD AND GIVE THEM FUTURE.  
5 AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGAIN.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. MISS TAYLOR, PLEASE,  
8 IF THERE'S ANYONE WHOSE NAME I CALLED AND YOU DID NOT COME UP  
9 AND YOU PUT IN A CARD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ANY REASON YOU  
10 DIDN'T HEAR ME, JUST YOU CAN COME UP NOW. BECAUSE THIS IS THE  
11 LAST SPEAKER, MISS TAYLOR.

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13 **MISS TAYLOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M QUITE SURE THAT MOST OF YOU  
14 ALL DO KNOW ME. FIRST OF ALL, IF YOU'RE VERY BAD ABOUT THE  
15 KENNEDY, ALWAYS LOOK AT A PICTURE ACROSS THE STREET OF HIS  
16 BROTHER SIGNING A PAPER, A PIECE OF PAPER FOR A BLACK CHILD TO  
17 GO TO SCHOOL. THAT WAS HIS BROTHER. I CAMPAIGNED WITH ONE OF  
18 THE BROTHERS. THIS RACIAL STUFF, RACIAL HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR  
19 MANY AND MANY OF YEARS. AND I HAVE BECAME A VICTIM OF IT. I  
20 HAPPENED TO BE DOWNTOWN ON SKID ROW ON MY HOME AND I WAS  
21 WAITING FOR A BUS. STANDING BESIDE ME THERE WAS A LATINO  
22 FEMALE. THE BUS DRIVER CAME UP. HE LET HER ON. WHEN I WENT TO  
23 GET ON THE BUS, HE CLOSED THE DOOR ON ME AND DROVE AWAY IN  
24 FULL SPEED. THE PEOPLE DOWN THERE, THE BUSINESSMEN DOWN THERE,  
25 SAID "STOP, STOP." THEY'RE THE ONE WHO STOPPED HIM. BUT



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1 NEVERTHELESS, I END UP AT CEDAR SINAI HOSPITAL BEING OPERATED  
2 ON. THE JUDGE KEPT THAT ON HIS DESK AND HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD  
3 NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME. THE OTHER  
4 TIME A LOT OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES EXPERIENCED WHERE I WAS HIT BY  
5 A CAR. NOT TOO FAR UP THE STREET THERE. I NEVER GOT ANY MONEY  
6 FROM ANY OF IT. I AM A GRANDMOTHER. I'M 75 YEARS OF AGE. AND  
7 WHEN I WAS ON THE ROAD, I LOST MY SISTER, THE ONE WHOSE SON  
8 WAS THERE AT THE PENTAGON, AND MY NIECE THE SAME WEEK. I GOT  
9 INTO WHERE I HAD TO GO TO I DID NOT HAVE MY IDENTIFICATION. IT  
10 WAS GOOD THAT THE TEST PILOT PUT ME IN A WHEELCHAIR AND  
11 WHEELED ME ON THE PLANE BECAUSE I HAD NOTHING BUT A FEW RAGS  
12 ON MY BODY. I'M 75 YEARS OF AGE. I WORKED FOR THE COUNTY OF  
13 BEACHES AND HARBORS. I WORK FOR THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL  
14 DISTRICT. I WORKED FOR E.D.D. I DID BOTH OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES,  
15 THAT'S WHEN THEY HAD OSCAR DE LA HOYA IN IT. I TRIED TO TRAIN  
16 UP MY CHILDREN THE BEST WAY THAT I KNEW HOW, BECAUSE I'M AN  
17 ORPHAN. RIGHT NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHERE SOME OF MY CHILDREN IS  
18 AT, MY GRANDDAUGHTERS. SOME OF THEM IS MISSING. I HAVE A CHILD  
19 THAT IS RETARDED. THEY TOOK HIM OUT OF HIS PLACE HE WAS LIVING  
20 AT AND PUT HIM IN A DRUG PROGRAM. NOW I'M NOT GOING TO CALL NO  
21 NAMES, BUT THERE'S ONE MAN COME ON TV WILL TELL ANYBODY  
22 THEY'LL TELL THEM A LIE. THE CHILD HAS A LEARNING DISABILITY  
23 PROBLEM. I AM A WOMAN 75 YEARS OF AGE, AND I WANT TO GO  
24 FORWARD. YOU KNOW, THE BIBLE SAY IF YOU HURT A PERSON, PAY  
25 THEM AND BE QUICK ABOUT DOING SO BEFORE YOU ARE DELIVERED



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1 BEFORE THE JUDGE. HE GAVE ME NO CONSIDERATION WHATSOEVER. MISS  
2 BURKE AND GLORIA MOLINA AND ZEV, I CANNOT WALK. I USE A  
3 SHOPPING CART TO WALK.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN YOU HAD THIS INCIDENT, DID YOU CALL THE  
6 M.T.A.?

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8 **MISS TAYLOR:** MA'AM?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN YOU HAD THIS INCIDENT WITH THE BUS, DID YOU  
11 CALL THE M.T.A.?

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13 **MISS TAYLOR:** M.T.A. IS THE ONE WHO KEPT THE SHOPPING CART. NOT  
14 ONLY THAT, I RAN INTO THE GENERAL MANAGERS --

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT YOU FILED A COMPLAINT?

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18 **MISS TAYLOR:** I FILED A COMPLAINT AND I FILED IT TIMELY.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEY RESPONDED TO YOU?

21

22 **MISS TAYLOR:** YES, THEY DID. YES, THEY DID. THEY ASKED MY HOW I  
23 WAS DOING AND HOW ARE THE KIDS.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT THE RESPONSE. BUT THEY RESPONDED TO  
2   YOU ABOUT THE INCIDENT?

3

4   **MISS TAYLOR:** YES, THEY DID. ONE OF THE WOMEN TOLD ME THAT IT  
5   WAS NOT FILED TIMELY. I SAID THAT IS A LIE. IT WAS FILED THE  
6   SAME TIME THAT I GOT HURT.

7

8   **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU DON'T HAVE TO FILE. WHEN YOU MAKE A  
9   COMPLAINT, IT ISN'T A TIMELY ISSUE. THEY HAVE TO RESPOND TO  
10   YOU ABOUT THE INCIDENT. WHEN DID YOU FILE IT?

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12   **MISS TAYLOR:** I FILED IT RIGHT AFTER I GOT HURT.

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14   **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN DID YOU GET HURT?

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16   **MISS TAYLOR:** I GOT HURT, IT WAS JANUARY 9TH.

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18   **SUP. MOLINA:** OF WHAT YEAR?

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20   **MISS TAYLOR:** OF LAST YEAR. AND IT WENT ON AND ON AND ON. AND  
21   WHILE I WAS SITTING THERE, ONE OF THE GENERAL MANAGERS WAS  
22   HAVING A CONFERENCE. HE SAID HI, I SAY HI. AND HE SAID "WHAT  
23   HAPPENED?" AND I TOLD HIM.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** I WILL GET YOUR NAME AND WE WILL LOOK UP THE  
2   COMPLAINT.

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4   **MISS TAYLOR:** THE DOCTOR AT CEDAR SINAI WHO SIGNED ME IN.

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6   **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT PART OF IT. WE WILL GET  
7   THE COMPLAINT.

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9   **MISS TAYLOR:** YOU WILL? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE THAT.

10   I SAW THE STAR OF DAVID. I KNOW THAT GOD WILL BLESS CEDAR

11   SINAI. I DIDN'T HAVE NOTHING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE ELSE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS?

14   WE DON'T HAVE --

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16   **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE IS HOMELESS, WE DON'T HAVE AN ADDRESS TO GET  
17   A HOLD OF HER? I CAN'T READ THAT LAST NAME, ANYWAY.

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19   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S TAYLOR.

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21   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MISS TAYLOR, HOW DO WE GET IN TOUCH WITH  
22   YOU? WILL YOU TELL THEM HOW TO REACH YOU?

23

24   **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE CAN GET A MESSAGE TO ME. IF YOU COME BACK  
25   NEXT WEEK, WE'LL HAVE AN ANSWER FOR YOU ON YOUR COMPLAINT.





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1    THANK YOU. THANK YOU. I HAVE IT. SURE, BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE  
2    ANSWER YET. GIVE US A WEEK TO TRY AND GET IT IF YOU FILED A  
3    COMPLAINT.

4

5    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON YOUR MOTION DEALING WITH THE NURSES. I'D  
8    LIKE TO ASK THIS BE SCHEDULED IN CLOSED SESSION NEXT WEEK.

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10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WILL BE  
11   SCHEDULED FOR CLOSED SESSION.

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13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S A PERSONNEL ITEM.

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15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SINCE IT'S A PERSONNEL.

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17   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALSO ON THE REGULAR AGENDA OPEN SESSION, AS  
18   WELL? YOU WOULD LIKE BOTH?

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20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. BUT PUT IT ON CLOSED SESSION, ALSO.

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22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHATEVER THE ATTORNEY SAYS. BUT AS LONG AS  
23   WE HAVE IT IN CLOSED SESSION. BECAUSE IT'S A POTENTIAL  
24   BARGAINING ISSUE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, BEFORE WE ADJOURN, CAN I JUST  
2 MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE ON MAY 27TH AT 1 P.M.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 1 P.M.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, THIS SATURDAY AT ARCADIA PARK AT SANTA  
10 ANITA. HUNTINGTON IS THE VETERANS' PROGRAM WHERE FRITZ COLEMAN  
11 WILL BE THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES. PROGRAM BEGINS, I BELIEVE  
12 IT'S 11 A.M. WE WILL HAVE FLYOVERS. AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM  
13 ALL OF THE VARIOUS VETERANS GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS IN THE  
14 COMMUNITY. SO EVERYBODY IS INVITED TO THE VETERANS' PROGRAM  
15 AND TO RECOGNIZE THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY.  
16 THAT'S SATURDAY MORNING. FRITZ COLEMAN WILL BE THE MASTER OF  
17 CEREMONIES AT 11 A.M. AT ARCADIA PARK ON HUNTINGTON AND SANTA  
18 ANITA.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

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